



"I think a lot of them would be very unhappy if their kids and their partners weren't here. There's a lot of things we do behind the scenes that people don't know to help get the boys on the field," she had said.

Dates out for polls in five states, final test before 2019 Lok Sabha

its term expired. Mizoram has never seen a BJP government, and Congress Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla has headed the state government since 2008.

The state polls are crucial to the ruling BJP at the Centre and the Opposition Congress, particularly in MP, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, where regional parties hold little sway. Both national parties will hope to build momentum ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, which will be held five months after state poll results are announced and big wins in the five states will also better chances of cobble together coalitions.

Incidentally, the five states together send 83 members to the Lok Sabha, and the outcomes are likely to impact the general election in 2019.

With Chouhan and Raman Singh looking for a fourth consecutive term as chief ministers, the Congress aims to ride an anti-incumbency wave to wrest MP and Chhattisgarh from the BJP. And in Rajasthan, the incumbent BJP will hope to convince voters against the tradition of swapping parties every five years.

While the Congress has started talks with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in Telangana to leverage the anti-incumbency vote against the TRS, the BJP hopes to bring regional parties together to oust the Congress government in Mizoram.

Prime Minister was Modi was quick to wish BJP party workers in election-bound states. "I am sure they will work tirelessly among people and spread the development agenda of the party across all sections of the society," he said on Twitter.

The EC announcement Saturday also drew sharp criticism from the Opposition Congress, which alleged that the press conference was rescheduled from 12.30 pm to 3 pm to accommodate a political rally Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed in Rajasthan at 1 pm.

Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said: "The EC's explanation for the delay is preposterous. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is guilty of pressuring the EC to delay its press conference as he was scheduled to address a rally. The EC was made to wait for Modi's rally," he said.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Om

Prakash Rawat, however, denied any kind of "pressure". "There has been speculation," he said, "some political statements also, for that I just have to say that politicians and political parties are political creatures and they have to see politics in everything because of their inherent nature".

According to Rawat, the reasons for the delay included a discussion with the Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary regarding bypolls in the state. Another reason for the delay was the assessment of publishing electoral rolls for Telangana. Rawat said that the electoral rolls for Telangana, which were to be published on October 8, will be out on October 12, as the final roll has to be submitted to the Hyderabad High Court before it can be published.

The five states:
Chhattisgarh: The first state to go to polls on November 12 and 20, the difference between the votes polled by the BJP and Congress in 2013, was marginal. While the BJP garnered 41.04 per cent of the total votes, the Congress polled 40.29 per cent. This translated into 49 of the 90-member assembly for the BJP and 39 seats for the Congress.

The BSP, with which Congress hoped to form an alliance, has partnered with Ajit Jogi's Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (JCC). The BJP hopes to cash-in on the disarray in the Congress and CM Raman Singh has recently focused on the Maoist-affected Bastar region where the party did not do well in the Lok Sabha polls. The Centre and the state government have initiated a series of development projects in this region.

Madhya Pradesh: The BJP won a landslide 165 seats of the 230 in 2013 with nearly 45 per cent of the total votes. The Congress won just 58 seats with 36.38 per cent votes. Three-time BJP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has relied on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity and the consolidation of Hindu votes in the name of Hindutva. With the Congress, too, starting a Rath yatra and adopting cow politics and temple visits to woo Hindus, Chouhan created a separate ministry for cow protection.

Unlike the past, the Congress in MP has tried to put its house in order and announced senior leader Kamal Nath as state unit chief in April. In a balancing act to avoid infighting, the reins of the campaign were handed to

Jyotiraditya Scindia. However, the BSP's decision to contest the polls alone has come as a setback.

Rajasthan: Also a landslide for the BJP, it won 163 of 200 seats and demolished the Congress, which was restricted to just 21 seats. After defeating the BJP in three bypolls this year, the Congress hopes to leverage anti-incumbency in a state that traditionally votes out the ruling party. The BJP leadership hopes to bank on PM Modi's popularity and the central government's "good governance record" to get re-elected.

While Congress morale is high, the party is still a divided house with state Congress chief Sachin Pilot and AICC general secretary Ashok Gehlot pulling in opposite directions. The Congress has not announced a CM candidate and handed the coordination panel to Gehlot and the Pradesh election committee to Pilot.

Mizoram: The lone Congress-ruled state to go to polls in November, the Congress won 34 of the 40-member house in 2013 with 44.6 per cent of votes, while the BJP not win a single seat and just a meagre 0.37 per cent of votes. The Mizo National Front, a local party was the only Opposition and won five seats. The BJP has announced that it would do go solo in the polls while the Congress looks for a third consecutive term.

Telangana: Carved out when Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated in 2014, the state elected its first assembly in 2013 when K Chandrashekar Rao's Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) won 63 seats, beating Congress at 21 and BJP with five seats. The party's rival, the Telugu Desam Party, led by N Chandrababu Naidu won 15 seats in Telangana, even as it swept Andhra Pradesh, where it won 103 of 175 seats.

The BJP has decided to contest the polls alone to keep options open for the Lok Sabha polls and strengthen its organisation in the state. While the Congress has begun talks with the TDP, the party is banking on garnering anti-incumbency votes and the index of opposition unity. Some leaders believe an alliance with the TDP in Telangana could mean the two parties joining hands in Andhra Pradesh as well.

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#MeToo

undying support. What Bahl has done is horrifying. We are already on our path of course correction and will do everything in our capacity to fix it."

Later in the day Kashyap announced on Twitter that Phantom Films had been dissolved.

Bahl, whose film Queen dealt with women empowerment, is currently directing his next film, Super 30, starring Hrithik Roshan.

Several members of the Hindi film industry condemned Bahl, and extended their support to the woman. Aligarh director Hansal Mehta, who asked on Twitter when the industry would take a stand against "Bahl and his ilk", told The Sunday Express, "Right now, I'm more concerned as a father and wonder if my daughters should join the film industry or not. I hope we create a safe environment for women... This issue is about equality, safety and justice... The culture of following stars blindly has to change. We need to understand boundaries, and studios should work towards providing a safe and ethical ecosystem."

Another woman shared screenshots of a conversation between her and Chetan Bhagat, in which the author says he wants to woo her and ignores her protests that he is married. Soon after, Bhagat released a statement on Facebook, saying he wanted to "apologise to the person concerned", said he had felt "a strong connection" with her, and added he may have "misread the friendliness". He wrote he was sharing what he had told his wife, and added, "I am really sorry to person concerned. The screenshots, are of course real, and I am sorry if you felt they were wrong I hope you will accept my apology... As I also say in the screenshots, I realized I was married and this was not about looking for any action... Also, I also want to clarify that there never was was nothing physical, no lewd pictures or words that were ever exchanged."

After a woman journalist said Gautam Adhikari, while he was editor-in-chief of DNA,

Mumbai, had "kissed" her without consent, Adhikari said he had no recollection of the incident. Over email, he told The Sunday Express, "I do not recollect this incident at all. I remember her as a colleague whom I treated with respect and politeness, as I did all my former colleagues. I retired from the media industry many years ago though I still write occasionally. I remained courteous and respectful towards all colleagues and there was never any question of harassment on my part. This kind of allegation through social media can hardly be countered through the law. Therefore, no, I do not contemplate any legal action."

Multiple women came forward to accuse K R Sreenivas, who is currently the Resident Editor of Times of India, Hyderabad, of sexual harassment and misconduct. On Saturday evening, BCCL, publisher of Times of India, released a statement, saying, "BCCL has a strong POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) policy and does not tolerate any act of sexual harassment at work place. A highly empowered and accessible committee under this policy and under the law is in place to investigate and address all allegations of sexual harassment. The committee is chaired by a senior woman executive and a majority of its members are accomplished women, in addition to NGO representatives and legal professionals with relevant experience in social work. The company respects and acts on the committee's findings without fear or favour. BCCL is committed to maintaining a safe work environment for all its employees. In keeping with this, the committee will investigate matters brought to its attention under the procedures laid down in law."

Sreenivas told The Sunday Express, "I will submit myself to the investigation."

A former employee of Hindustan Times shared screenshots on Twitter of a conversation with the National Political Editor/Chief of Bureau of the paper, Prashant Jha, saying he had made her feel "uncomfortable". Repeated calls and texts to Jha went unanswered. A Hindustan Times spokesperson said, "We are

verifying facts as this was two years ago. We are seeing whether a complaint was filed or not and whether any action was taken or not. An internal investigation will begin Monday."

Allegations also emerged against a reporter with Business Standard, Mayank Jain, with a woman journalist from another organisation calling his behaviour "predatory". While Jain did not respond to calls or texts, a senior editor at Business Standard said: "An internal inquiry into the matter has been initiated... The first phase of the inquiry was completed Friday, wherein the accused was summoned for questioning by the HR. The committee against sexual harassment met on Saturday, and will submit a report on Monday."

On Saturday, another allegation of sexual harassment against another employee of the organisation was levelled by a woman on Twitter. The senior editor said, "We will proceed in the same manner as we did in the earlier case."

These allegations come days after actor Tanushree Dutta accused actor Nana Patekar of sexually harassing her during the shoot of a film in 2008. She also accused filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri of asking her to take off her clothes during a shoot.

Last week, well-known comedy collective AIB had announced it was cutting off all ties with Utsav Chakraborty, after a writer and fellow comic accused him of sexual harassment and said that AIB had not taken any action despite her telling them about it. Several women had made similar complaints against him after that.

On October 5, Chakraborty tweeted, "It's a little too late now but I am sorry, I really am... I can't think of myself as a victim anymore. Please tell me what to do now."

AIB also issued an apology for failing to take action when the complaint was made two years ago, as well as continuing to hire Chakraborty in a freelance capacity. "All reasoning beyond a point is just going to sound like we're making excuses. It does not justify any of our actions," it said.

CPM says no alliance with Cong in all 5 poll-bound states

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE CPM on Saturday announced that it will not have any understanding or electoral alliance with the Congress in the five states going to Assembly polls in November and December. The party is yet to take a final call on its Lok Sabha strategy, as there is no unanimity on the issue, and a final decision may be taken only in January, it is learnt.

The CPM central committee, which began its three-day meeting here, endorsed the decision to be a part of seven-party alliances in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, and the Bahujan Left Front in Telangana. Left Front partner CPI is part of an alliance comprising the Congress, TDP and the Telangana Jana Samiti in

the southern state.

The CPM, CPI, Samajwadi Party, JD(S), CPI(M), RLD and Marxist-Communist Party of India (MCPI) have joined hands to form Rajasthan Democratic Front to fight the elections there. Party sources said it expects the BSP, which has already announced it will not ally with the Congress, to be part of the front.

In MP and Chhattisgarh, too, CPM will try to enter into an understanding with smaller parties and be part of a non-Congress alliance, it is learnt. There has been a demand in the party for a tacit tactical understanding with the Congress to prevent vote division, but the central committee did not accept this view.

The party's West Bengal unit has for long sought a tacit understanding with the Congress to defeat both Trinamool Congress and BJP in the state.

Bypolls to three Karnataka LS seats on Nov 3

New Delhi: Bypolls to three Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka will be held on November 3, Election Commission said on Saturday. But there would be no byelections for five LS seats in Andhra Pradesh, rendered vacant due to resignation of MPs, as the term of the

Lok Sabha is ending on June 3.

As per law, no bypoll is required to fill vacancy arising within one year of end of term of the Lok Sabha. The bypolls will be held for Shimoga, Billari and Mandya seats for which counting will be held on November 6. PTI

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Scope to link Aadhaar with mobile phones: Jaitley

for instance income tax, they (the Supreme Court) permitted it. Because they said on the principle of proportionality, income tax you do it by law. The Act has already been amended. And since there was largescale violation, it was permitted. So if you are able to show the kind of data that, in mobile telephony, it will help, it can happen... So these are the two critical areas, one is bank accounts, the other is mobile telephony. So you will then have to decide where it can't be done and where on basis of intrinsic data available, you can say that proportionality then demands that it can be done."

The Union minister added that, in his view, the majority opinion in the Aadhaar case "is a very sound judgment". "Because, after all, you have a system where you give a lot of government moneys on various subsidies to all kinds of people. And that was the principal object of Aadhaar. Aadhaar is not a citizenship card. Aadhaar was that those who want benefits from the State... and that's how it became a Money Bill."

Noting that he was criticised for introducing the Aadhaar legislation as a Money Bill, Jaitley added, "I said it's pure and simple distribution of monetary resources by the State, in terms of subsidies etc, which will directly reach bank accounts... And if it is reaching people, in the absence of Aadhaar, it was reaching people who were never born in this world. We had people who were not deserving getting it, we had people who got it twice and thrice over."

The use of Aadhaar had saved the government Rs 90,000 crore last year, he said, "four-five times the amount that is being spent on Ayushman Bharat". "So that's the kind of resources you save. And therefore, to bring out arguments (that) it may encroach on liberty and so on... I think it was a bit too overstated. Therefore I'm glad that the majority (opinion) didn't accept it."

On the Supreme Court verdict decriminalising Section 377 of the IPC which penalised same-sex relations, Jaitley noted that he had said in the past that the time had come for this change. However, he expressed reservations on some of the observations in the judgment. "The debate on 377 was on for a long time, it was a global debate, and on the

issue of decriminalisation, there was an international trend. In fact I was one of the first persons in political life years ago who commented that time had come to decriminalise it. In society many have accepted it. It took some time. There was a favourable judicial verdict, an adverse verdict. And then finally it came to the Constitution bench. And I think it's been received fairly okay and fairly well."

However, he added, while he agreed with the court's findings that same-sex relations were not against the order of nature, and that there should be no discrimination on this basis and that sexual activity was a part of Article 21 guaranteeing right to life and personal liberty, he disagreed with the view that it was also part of free speech. "I think the problem comes when, writing these historical judgments, you get carried away and want to be a part of history and therefore you go a step further. So whereas these three reasonings I fairly agree with, the fourth one I completely disagree with — that it's also a part of free speech."

Justifying this, the Union minister said, "I think it is a little excessive and the consequences of that may not be on decriminalisation. Free speech is an entirely different campaign. It can be restrained only on reasons of sovereignty, security, public order and so on. And, mind you these, because there is a tendency to keep on creating new fundamental rights every day. So when you convert this into a fundamental right and say it's free speech, then how do you restrain any form of sexual activity, homosexual or bisexual, in a school hostel, in a prison, on an Army frontier. And unless in a subsequent view it is clarified, that court observation which was not necessary for the purpose (of) deciding this case, I think is something which requires further debate."

On the Supreme Court judgment regarding Section 497 of the IPC, which punished only a man for adultery, he said, "the section itself was very, very badly worded" and was "rightly quashed". But again, Jaitley did not favour the court saying it was only a "matrimonial offence", a private wrong and not a public wrong, and wondered if the logic could then be extended to bigamy and polygamy too. "... then it would be a wholly anti-woman judgment," he said.

UP, MP and Bihar migrants flee Gujarat

private buses on these routes for several years.

Krishnachandra Sharma, a 42-year-old building construction contractor who says he has lived in Ahmedabad for the last 22 years, cannot recall having witnessed seen a situation earlier. "There have been Hindu-Muslim riots, but never something like this. The news spread like wildfire on Facebook and WhatsApp, which everyone has on their phones," he said.

Manju Singh (27), who does paint jobs in Gandhinagar, said his bike was stopped by a group of seven men on Thursday evening. "They asked me where I was from. Sixth sense told me to lie, and I said I was from Rajasthan. When they probed further, I mumbled the name of a district. They let me go only after they had satisfied themselves I was not from UP, MP or Bihar. Immediately after I left, they burnt a vehicle at that very spot," Manju Singh said.

Manju Singh and several others left for their homes in Madhya Pradesh Saturday. All of them are painters, and this is peak business season for them, with Gujaratis painting and decorating their homes ahead of Diwali.

Waiting for a bus to Jalaun district in

UP, Urmila Devi, who has been living in Kalol in Gandhinagar district for the last two years, said she did not know why people from her state were being attacked, or who was targeting them.

"Some 50-60 people stormed our settlement, shouting, 'Sab bhaiyya log nikal jao nahin toh mar-peet karenge,'" she said. "They set all the pani puri stalls in the lane outside our homes on fire. My son-in-law now has a fractured arm. Our landlords asked us to leave as soon as possible," Urmila said.

Mannbhai Prapapati (26), who has been selling pani puri in Visnagar in Mehsana district for the last 11 years, fled home with his family and reached Ahmedabad Saturday morning. On Saturday, he said he was boarding the first bus he could get for his village in UP, along with his wife and three children, ages eight, two, and one.

"We do not know why they are doing this to us. We have locked our rented rooms and left with only our clothes. What else could we do? We do not know when we will be able to return. We never thought we would have to run away like this," he said.

Meanwhile, the child whose alleged rape by a man from Bihar on September

28 in Sabarkantha district triggered the violence against Hindi-speaking migrants, was discharged from hospital in Ahmedabad Saturday. Her condition was stable and she was out of danger, a senior official of the hospital said. The alleged rapist had been arrested on the same day.

Both the BJP and Congress have appealed for peace and harmony in the wake of the violence and exodus of North Indian migrants from Gujarat. State BJP spokesperson Bharat Pandya said Saturday that "what happened is a black spot on our society", and asked people "not to give political or caste colour" to the incident. "I condemn both the rape of the minor as well as the subsequent attacks on migrants," Pandya said.

State Congress president Amit Chavda said "anger was building among youths owing to rising unemployment" and "the rape of the minor girl provided the trigger for the attacks on migrant workers". However, Chavda said, an entire community could not be held responsible for the actions of one individual. "What has happened, cannot be justified. But it is the responsibility of the state government to protect the life and property of citizens," he said.

At 1 factory, few migrants on rolls, sacked staff in mob

Gujarat, in which 180 people have so far been arrested.

A day after the 19-year-old was arrested for allegedly raping the 14-month-old, two factories located in Himmatnagar and Prantij of Sabarkantha district were targeted.

On October 2, another two were attacked, in Vadnagar and Vijapur towns in Mehsana district, including Himalaya International, a food processing plant inaugurated in 2012.

According to Vadnagar town police, a mob of over 200 people gathered outside the factory and demanded that "till the 14-month-old rape victim gets justice, migrants from UP/Bihar be removed from job, else they would be killed..."

The police report states the mob threw stones at the company's building and tried to force their way in. Manager Shyamal was badly beaten up, hit on the head with a stone, and had his shirt torn off. Twenty people were arrested, all belonging to nearby villages and to Thakor community.

Apart from rioting, the accused were

booked for allegedly promoting enmity between groups and for acts prejudicial to harmony.

A police officer said, "Our investigation has found that at least five of them used to work in the factory and were sacked for different reasons. The rape incident gave a chance to them to mobilise and attack the company." Police and locals also say that migrants comprised no more than one-fifth of the work force at Himalayan International.

The attack on Jay Prabhu Cotton Mill, in Kotadi village, happened the same day. A police report, in Gujarati, says 150-200 people from

"Thakor members of the Kshatriya-Thakor Sena" got together "with a common intention... to create unlawful assembly and create ruckus".

The report says the mob forced its way into the mill, pelting stones and beating up workers. All the 23 arrested for being part of the mob are Thakors.

In another incident, at Unjha town, an FIR has been lodged against 100 people for "promoting enmity between differ-

ent groups and committing act prejudicial to maintenance of harmony between different groups".

The Mehsana district has been the worst affected in the violence. DSP Nilesh Jajadia said, "Till today, 15 FIRs have been lodged, out of which two are related to spreading rumours on social media. The rest 13 are related to law and order issues. We have arrested 100 people so far."

Ahmedabad too has seen attacks on migrants, with an incident of a mob threatening them to leave Gujarat reported from Changodar in Ahmedabad rural early last week.

On Friday, a group of people hit a worker, Dashrath Sodha, on the head in Odhav industrial area of Ahmedabad. Police said Sodha was attacked when he questioned the group for forcing people to shut shops, while threatening non-Gujaratis to leave the state.

Twenty people were arrested in the case.

IGP Chavda said they were trying to bring peace by talking to village heads, factory owners, community leaders.

In poll year, Facebook moves to verify political ads

Facebook's Richard Allen, who is vice president, Global Policy Solutions.

"We will have to do the same work analysing for India what the risks are and then have a policy that tries to capture the risks," Allen said. "(For) elections, there are general principles. Our principles are we want our platform for free and fair elections. But we don't want people to abuse that."

According to him, one of the difficulties was distinguishing news sources and political propaganda disguised as news sources. Because targeted ads were of broad categories and not just about political parties, Facebook decided to broaden the US ad policy to all content of political and national importance, Allen said.

In contrast, the platform in the UK will only look at advertising related to

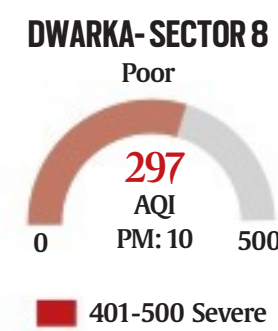
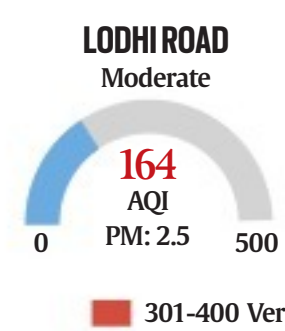
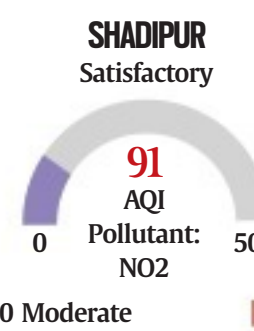
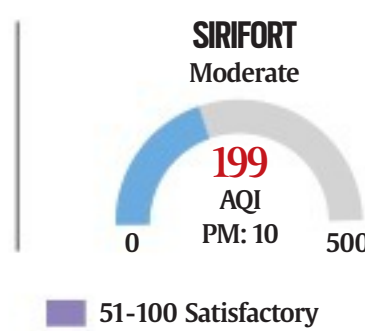
the main political parties, he said.

To make counterpart launches in the run-up to India's election, the internal team will work with outside agencies. The task force will include security experts, community operations, and specialists who work with political parties. Along with the task-force in Delhi, scores of workers will help monitor advertisements and content, Allen said.





0-50 Good



51-100 Satisfactory

101-200 Moderate

201-300 Poor

301-400 Very poor

401-500 Severe

BRIEFLY

2 killed after auto collides with truck

New Delhi: Two persons died after an auto they were traveling in collided with a Canter truck in west Delhi's Kirti Nagar Friday. Three people were injured in the accident. Police said the errant driver is absconding and efforts are on to trace him.

Ethiopian held at IGI with fake ticket

New Delhi: An Ethiopian man was apprehended at IGI Airport for allegedly using a fake ticket to enter the Terminal 3 area.

Woman's body found

Noida: The body of a 50-year-old woman was found in her neighbour's house with her throat slashed in Noida's Sector 108. Police said that an FIR for murder has been filed against the accused, but he is currently on the run.

Minor dead in cylinder blast

New Delhi: A 10-year-old boy died after a cylinder blast took place inside his house in Tigri. Police said four other children were injured in the fire.

Man held for killing wife

New Delhi: Police arrested a 23-year-old man for allegedly killing his wife, over suspicion of an extramarital affair. The accused was arrested from Azamgarh, UP, where he fled after committing the murder, said police. **ENS**

Maken writes to CM over VAT on petrol

New Delhi: Delhi Congress chief Ajay Maken Saturday wrote to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal requesting him to reduce the value-added tax on petrol and diesel "to the same level as it was in December, 2013, during the Congress regime". **PTI**

Farmers hold protest rally

Ghaziabad: Scores of farmers from Modinagar area led by Rashtriya Lok Dal vice-president Jayant Chaudhary Saturday carried out a protest rally against the BJP government. **PTI**



METALLICAR

Scrapped cars near Manak Vihar in West Delhi, Saturday. *Renuka Puri*

Police probe if Shokeen had liquor with officers

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

DAYS AFTER former MLA from Mundka Rambeer Shokeen escaped custody of three Baghpat Police officers, investigation has revealed he may have consumed "liquor" with the policemen at his in-laws' house in south Delhi's Deoli, from where he and his wife escaped later.

"We came to know during our investigation that Shokeen was escorted to his in-laws' home, and policemen had consumed liquor with him, but we are verifying this. Things will be clear once we arrest Shokeen, who managed to escape with the help of his wife Rita," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (south district) Vijay Kumar.

As reported by *The Indian Express*, after Shokeen was taken to Safdarjung Hospital, officers escorting him were informed that the doctor was in an operation and they would have to wait.



Several teams are conducting raids to nab Shokeen, uncle of jailed gangster Neeraj Bawana, and his wife

"His wife Rita Singh, who had fought and lost the 2015 Delhi Assembly polls, was meanwhile waiting with his associates in two SUVs outside. The couple asked the policemen to accompany them to the home of Rita's parents, around 14 km away," said a Delhi Police officer.

"Shokeen, meanwhile, called his brother-in-law and asked him to arrange liquor and food for the policemen. They left for Deoli where the three

policemen allegedly consumed liquor with Shokeen. The couple fled while the officers were having lunch and drinks," the officer claimed.

"Once the officers were alerted to this, they tried to trace him in the vicinity, but after they couldn't, they returned to the hospital. Afterwards, a call was made to the local police, and the Baghpat officers said Shokeen had escaped from the hospital," claimed the officer.

Police said the claims of the three officers were called into question since CCTV footage from the hospital did not corroborate their version of events.

Several teams of the special cell and crime branch are conducting raids to nab Shokeen, uncle of jailed gangster Neeraj Bawana, and his wife.

An FIR has also been registered after a complaint was filed by inspector Kishor Singh Rotela, posted with police line Janpad in Baghpat, who has urged Delhi Police to take appropriate legal action against his subordinates for the alleged negligence.

PRIYA CHANDRASEKHAR

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Fondly remembered by her family and colleagues at The Express Group

SAYS HE FOCUSES ON 'TERRORISM, LOVE JIHAD'

Man named in Sharda case made FB videos fanning hate

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE MAN against whom the National Security Act (NSA) has been invoked for allegedly fanning communal hate at Sharda University claims to have made over 500 Facebook accounts and founded an organisation that "takes action against people who insult the Army".

Deepak Sharma, against whom an FIR has been registered on the district magistrate's orders for promoting enmity and insulting a group's religion in the Sharda University violence case, has over the years gained notoriety for making Facebook Live videos with inflammatory comments. In 2014, he founded a Ghaziabad-based outfit called the Rashtra Swabhiman Dal. "The primary work my organisation does is take action against people who



From Deepak Sharma's Facebook account

speak against and insult the Army," he told *The Indian Express*. However, he claimed his "social activism" is restricted to holding demonstrations and that he does not engage in violence.

"I have been on social media since 2007 but started making Facebook Live videos in February 2017, after which I have gained many followers. The subjects are usually terrorism, love jihad, temples, foreign conquerors and so on. Some people call me anti-

Muslim but I would say I am of the nation, for the nation," he said.

In 2011, Sharma had posted a video purportedly assaulting a man, claiming it was for making memes about "his religion".

Sharma claims over 500 Facebook accounts of his have been blocked due to people reporting them for offensive content. He also claimed there are around 30 FIRs filed against him.

On Monday, following a scuffle between Afghan and Indian students at Sharda University, Sharma visited the campus late in the night and promised "Hindu students" that he would "take care" of Afghan students, likening the latter with the Taliban. On Thursday, violence broke out in the university during demonstrations demanding action against Afghan students, and Kashmiri students were assaulted and injured. Afghan students also told *The Indian Express* that they have

been receiving threatening calls from unknown numbers.

As of Saturday night, Sharma had not been arrested and police said investigations were underway. The district administration also sent a letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the university, pulling up the university for failing to protect its international students.

"Last year too, the university was in the news for violence against African students and even the Chief Minister had taken note of the matter... again, we have incidents of violence," said the district magistrate. In the letter, the DM has asked how anti-social elements had entered the university and why the university had failed to protect foreign students.

"Fourteen university officials have been deployed to identify the culprits through CCTV footage and strict disciplinary action will be taken against them," said a university spokesperson.

Justify proposal to procure 150 Metro coaches, Delhi govt tells DMRC

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE AAM Aadmi Party government has asked the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to "justify" its proposal to procure over 150 coaches along with its financial implications in view of the drop in ridership after the fare hike.

In two letters to DMRC's Director (Business Development), the government has also

sought details and background of the long-pending proposal, which will enable DMRC to convert all its remaining six-coach trains on Yellow, Blue and Red lines to eight-coach ones.

The details have been sought as the DMRC has revised its proposal multiple times since January 2017, leading to "confusion" in the government, an official said.

"Also, the situation has changed drastically after the fare hike. The DMRC had estimated

that 40 lakh people would use its network after the commissioning of Phase III, but it is clear that the target is not going to be met anytime soon," the official claimed.

However, the government has indicated that it will clear the proposal. The letters state that a "Cabinet note is proposed to be mooted to obtain the approval of Government of NCT of Delhi".

"In this regard, it is requested to furnish the following details along with supporting documents concerning the above pro-

posal: Background of the proposal, present proposal, details of DMRC board's approvals along with concerned agenda and approval of thereof, justification, financial implications and share of GNCTD...," the transport department letter, dated July 27, states.

When no response came, the department followed it up with a reminder on August 23. As per DMRC documents, the original proposal of the corporation, dating back to 2015, was to buy 916 coaches.



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CORRIGENDUM

This corrigendum is with reference to earlier published Global Notice for Expression of Interest (EOI) related to “Global (EOI) for inviting firms/ organization having proven long life painting system for steel girder bridges on World Railways” by Ministry of Railways, Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow.

This corrigendum is being done to extend the date of submission of offer of EOI as indefinitely (open ended).

Correction

“on or before 03.10.2018 till 15:00 hrs” may please be read as “date extended till further advice (open ended)”

Govt. of Bihar

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Expression of interest -cum-Request for proposal (RFP)

Expression of interest-cum-Request for proposal for architectural and engineering consultancy services are invited for proposed "BIHAR ANIMAL SCIENCE UNIVERSITY, PATNA" from architect, Consultant of Repute

The details of RFP together with eligibility Condition can be had from office of Chief Architect (PH-0612-2545575) during office hours or can be downloaded from notice board of www.bcd.bih.nic.in A pre-bid meeting will be held on -12.10.2018 at 4.00 PM in the office of secretary, Building construction Department, Patna.

Duly completed proposal in sealed envelope marked "BIHAR ANIMAL SCIENCE UNIVERSITY, PATNA" should be submitted to Chief architect, Building construction Department, Vishweshwaraiya Bhawan, Bailey Road , Patna-800015 latest by 16.00 Hrs on-26.11.2018 and technical bid will be opened on the same date in presence of the representative of firms at 16.30 Hrs.

(Chief Architect)

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TENDER NOTICE NIT.NO.16/CW/DO/T.No.19/2018-19 Dt. 04.10.2018.

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed bids are invited under “**Two Cover System**” for the following works from Class-I registered contractors of PWD, Highways, National Highways, CPWD, TWAD, CMWSSB having experience in execution of similar works in State / Central / Government / Quasi Government Organization, Boards reputed Private / Public Organisations. Last date for receipt of Tenders at **3.00 P.M. on 09.11.2018** and the same will be opened at **3.30 P.M** on the same day.

Name of Work	Approx. Value of work	EMD
Upgradation of works such as improvements of roads including relaying and desilting drain, providing foot path & kerbwall at North Avenue road, improvement of street lights, and providing new solar lights and highmast lights, providing bus shelter, security booth, CCTV camera and construction of shopping Complex, labour office building and special repairs to A.O. Block, OHT, Women’s hostel, pump room at Chembrambakkam Head works in SIPCOT Industrial Parks, Irungattukottai in Kancheepuram District.	Rs.23,12,77,950/-	Rs.23,13,000/- (Payment by Demand Draft in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., Chennai)

The tender Schedules can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and **www.sipcot.com** upto **5.00 P.M. on 08.11.2018**.

DIPR/4112/Tender/2018

Managing Director, SIPCOT, Chennai-8

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(A GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA UNDERTAKING)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Ambhora Lift Irrigation Division, Bhiwapur Dist- Nagpur

e-mail-alidbhiwapur@yahoo.com Phone No. 07106-232018

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 10 FOR 2018-19

Bids in B-1 form for the works mentioned below are invited by Executive Engineer, Ambhora Lift Irrigation Division, Bhiwapur Tah- Bhiwapur Dist- Nagpur Phone No. (07106) 232018, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Maharashtra from contractors registered in appropriate class with Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra. All rights are reserved to accept or reject any or all e-tenders without assigning any reason thereof by the Executive Engineer, Ambhora Lift Irrigation Division, Bhiwapur. Conditional e-tenders will not be accepted.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	Period of sale of blank tender form	Class of Contractor	Cost put tender form
1	2	3			
01	Balanced Work From R.D. 2.50 To 5.05 K.M. Of Medha Distributory Off-taking @ 25770 M On Main Canal of Mokhabardi LI.Scheme.	105.99	08/ 10/201 8 to 01/ 1 1/2018	4 & Above	10000/-
02	Construction of Earth work and Structures on L-1 Minor at Off-taking R.D. 1860 m on Nakshi Branch canal of Mokhabardi Main Canal.	147. 18	08/ 10/2018 to 01/11 /2018	4 & Above	10000/-

- 1) Last date of receipt of e-tenders duly filled will be 03/11/2018 upto 17.45 Hrs. and will be opened on 05/11/2018 (if possible)
- 2) This tender notice is available on following website. <http://wrd.maharashtra.gov.in> (Changes in this e-tender notice if any will be informed on above web-site and also on Notice board.)
- 3) Notice board of Executive Engineer, Ambhora Lift Irrigation Division, Bhiwapur
- sd/-
- Outward No.3341/TC/2018
- Office of the Executive Engineer, Ambhora Lift Irrigation Division Bhiwapur (Tas), Dist Nagpur

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER CHHATTISGARH

Shastri Chowk, Old Mantralaya Premises Raipur. Phone No 0771-2236685 Fax 771-2224476

E-Mail: ceoraipur.cg@nic.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

No.:4055 Date:5/10/18

Bids are invited by Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Chhattisgarh in two bids - Eligibility- cum-Technical bid and Financial bid from well established and reputed organizations/ agencies/ suppliers who fulfill the eligibility criteria and having sufficient infrastructure & Manpower and proven track record in the field of Recording and Web Streaming of Video of General or Other Elections in any state in India .

Sr No	Item	Particulars
1	Description of the work	Web Streaming of Video for General Elections in Chhattisgarh
2	Mode of Tendering	E-Procurement portal online tender
3	Tendering Address	E-Procurement portal i.e. https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in
4	Earnest Money Deposit (E.M.D.)	Rs.15.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs only)
6	Mode of Tender Document Fees & EMD	The tender document fee is waived. However tender processing fee has to be paid in the e-Procurement portal Chhattisgarh Govt. (as per the rules)
7	Starting Date and Time for Tender Document upload	6/10/2018
8	Starting Date and Time for Online bid submission	7/10/2018
9	Pre bid Meeting	02/10/2018 at 3.00 pm in the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh
8	Last Date and Time for submission of bids	28 /10 /2018 at 5.30 PM
9	Date and Time for opening/ of Eligibility & Technical bids	29/10/2018 at 12.00 PM
10	Date and time for presentation/ demonstrati on of prototype system/procedure by the technically eligible bidder	Will be intimated separately to the technically qualified bidders
11	Date and Time for opening of commercial bids	Will be intimated separately to the technically qualified bidders
12	Validity Of Bid and Approved Rate	For One Year from the Date Of approval of bid by tendering authority

For any of the assistance regarding participation in the Tender contact Smt. Padmini bhoi sahu Joint Chief Electoral Officer,(Head WebCasti ng Committee) Chhattisgarh

Note- The decision of CEO, Chhattisgarh, for purpose of Eligibility-cum-Technical Qualification /Commercial Bid shall be final and binding to all the tenderers/bidders. The tendering authority reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul (cancel) the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the tenderer (s)/bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected tenderer (s)/bidder(s) of the grounds for the Tendering Authority's action.

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Chief Electoral Officer Chhattisgarh

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

REVENUE AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MANGROVE & MARINE

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION OF MAHARASHTRA

[EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST]

The Mangrove and Marine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation of Maharashtra is a registered Society under the Societies Registration Act 1860, for conservation of mangroves and marine biodiversity of Maharashtra Coast. As part of the efforts to create awareness towards conservation of this unique ecosystem and to showcase the rich biodiversity of marine life in Maharashtra and India, it has been planned to establish a specialized “Glow-in-the-dark” theme park, modeled after the Dubai Garden Glow, within the Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Park (CMBP) at Airoli, Navi Mumbai.

In this regard, ‘Expressions of Interest’ (EOI) are invited from capable organizations/institutions for “Setting up and operating a “glow-in-the-dark” theme park”. The last date for receipt of the application is October 20, 2018 before 05:00 PM. For more information, please refer to the website <https://goo.gl/W8JGzW>

Interested applicants will have to send the ‘EOI’ with detailed proposal based on the Terms of Reference available at the above mentioned website. EOI shall be submitted through Speed Post/Registered Post or delivered by hand to: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai, 302, Wakefield House, 03rd Floor, Ballard Estate, Above Britannia & Co. Restaurant, Fort, Mumbai – 400001. Ph: 022 22694984 ; 022 22694985 ; 022 26476151 Email: ccfmangrove@mahaforest.gov.in/ ccfmmumbai@gmail.com

KUMBH MELA 2019

Prayagraj Mela Pradhikaran

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Notice Inviting EOI - Expression of Interest for Engagement of Agency for providing e-Rickshaw/CNG operated vehicles for shuttle service in Kumbh Mela-2019, Allahabad

The Prayagraj Mela Pradhikaran Invites Expression of Interest for Engagement of Agency for providing e-Rickshaw/CNG operated vehicles for shuttle service in Kumbh Mela-2019 via EOI No. 03 The Expression of Interest Document shall be made available from the Uttar Pradesh E Procurement website <Http://etender.up.nic.in> on 06/10/2018. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal of interest from 06/10/2018 till 18/10/2018 1200 Hrs via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Details regarding the tender shall be made available on <http://etender.up.nic.in>

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Notice Inviting E-Tender - Expression of Interest for Selection of Service Provider for providing Wi-Fi hot spots in Kumbh Mela - 2019, Allahabad

The Prayagraj Mela Pradhikaran Invites Expression of Interest for providing Wi-Fi hot spots insite Mela area of Kumbh Mela 2019 via EOI No. 04 The Expression of Interest Document shall be made available from the Uttar Pradesh E Procurement website <Http://etender.up.nic.in> on 06/10/2018. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal of interest from 06/10/2018 till 15/10/2018 1200 Hrs via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Details regarding the tender shall be made available on <http://etender.up.nic.in>

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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-IV, CPWD, Pusa, New Delhi invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage Rate bids from the approved eligible and enlisted contractors of appropriate class of CPWD for the following:

NIT No.: 04/SE/DCC-12/CD-IV/2018-19, Name of Work: Repair & Maintenance of Krishi Kunj Residential Complex at IARI, Pusa, New Delhi during 2018-19 (**SH:** Civil maintenance works relating to day to day maintenance, ARMO works for all 44 blocks and Retrofitting & Rehabilitation works for block No. 27, 28, 32, 36 and 48) **Estimated Cost:** ₹2,78,61,404.00/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹5,57,228.00/-, **Period of Completion:** 360 Days. Last time and date of submission of bid : **22.10.2018 up to 3.00 p.m.**

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.cpwd.gov.in or www.eprocure.gov.in

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Name of work:

Round the Clock Operation, Routine & Preventive mechanical maintenance and Breakdown mechanical maintenance of Ash Handling Plant of Unit No. 08 & 09, 'D'TPS, HTPS Kasimpur for a period of one year. Estimated cost or Work: Rs. 71,75,202.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 1,44,000.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 980.00 (830.00+150.00 GST), Extended Dates of Tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>: 20.10.2018 upto 14:00 Hrs. Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/ B.G.: 20.10.2018 up to 14:00 Hrs. Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of under-signed: 22.10.2018 up to 14:00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I 22.10.2018 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids are available in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: <http://etender.up.nic.in>. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fes for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system. After that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. Note:- For further details please log on our web site i.e. <http://etender.up.nic.in> Superintending Engineer (H.Q.) (Harduaganj TPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh) U.P.R.V.U.N.L E-Tender Notice E-Tenders are invited for the following supply/works items in two parts. Part-I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part-II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (<http://etender.up.nic.in>) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website www.uprvnl.org. The contractors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/Division. Who reserve the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. "Save Electricity Enhance National Productivity" Superintending Engineer (H.Q) Harduaganj Thermal Power Station Kasimpur (Aligarh) पत्रांक 48 अर्थी. अभि. मु. विज्ञापन / कैम्प । (40)18 दिनांक 5/10/18

JNU bid to impose civil service rules opposed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University Teachers' Association (JNUTA) on Saturday said the university administration's move to impose Central Civil Services (CCS) Rules on teachers will “take away the social use of the university”.

In an Academic Council (AC) meeting on Friday, the implementation of CCS Rules was part of the agenda. However, JNU has not yet clearly stated whether it had, in fact, adopted the rules in toto. A senior university official had on Friday told *The Indian Express*, “As per the UGC regulations, CCS rules will apply where the university doesn't have its own rules. The JNU EC has also earlier decided the same.”

However, the JNUTA said CCS Rules were not part of the UGC regulations. “When it was pointed out that the CCS rules were not part of UGC regulations and that difficulties would arise from the adoption, the Vice-Chancellor said the UGC instructions mandated the adoption of CCS rules, but refused to produce any document in support of this assertion. Rebuffing all suggestions that the draft ordinances should be placed before the next AC meeting after inviting feedback from the Centres and Schools, the V-C insisted on declaring the ordinances as provisionally approved,” JNUTA president Sonaharia Minz said in a statement.

“The JNUTA would like to point out that CCS (conduct) rules are applied to administrative officers in the government, their extension to Universities like JNU will take away the social use of the university. A university produces new knowledge and teaches it. But it needs independence of thinking and the freedom to dissent and act on that dissent. The CCS rules will remove these freedoms. That is precisely the objective behind the attempt to impose these rules by the current JNU administration, which has shown itself repeatedly to be intolerant of dissent. It has already invoked CCS (conduct) rules while issuing show-cause notices to 48 teachers for participating in a peaceful protest. It is now attempting to formalise its authoritarian ways by incorporating CCS (conduct) Rules in the Ordinances,” she added.

CCS rules are applicable on government servants, and prohibit them from making anti-government statements, and being members of political associations, among other things. “Under these rules, economics professors can be punished for discussing economic policy; political scientists can be punished for discussing politics; environmental science professors can be punished for discussing environmental policy; scientists can be punished for discussing government science policy, etc. The very role that academics is supposed to play in the classroom and in civil society, has become criminalised,” a teacher said.

Ambedkar varsity set to hold first student union polls

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

TEN YEARS after it was established, the Ambedkar University Delhi is set to hold its first student union elections on October 10 this year, after experimenting with a Students' Council in 2016.

AUD had held elections to the Students' Council in April 2016, where students from each programme (undergraduate and postgraduate) were required to elect one student representative, who would then draft the constitution and elect a union.

However, the elections saw opposition from some groups, who felt they were being held “undemocratically” and “in a rushed manner”. Ultimately, 28 representatives were elected — 14 of them unopposed — but matters did not proceed to forming a union.

The university had put out a release on September 26, notifying the election process under the AUD Constitution. Elections will be held for the post of Class Representatives (CR) and Councillors, with one CR being elected from each class, or two CRs in case the class strength is more than 50 students, and one councillor each from one programme. “The date of elections has been finalised, but some final modalities on how the elections will take place are still being worked out and need the higher authority's approval,” said AUD PRO Anshu Singh.

The Delhi School of Economics (DSE), which had not seen elections for its students' union in at least the last three years, with candidates being elected unopposed, also saw elections on September 28 for the post of President and Secretary.

Woman found dead at vacant house, cops suspect guard's role

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

A 42-YEAR-OLD woman was found dead near a vacant house in east Delhi's Vivek Vihar on Saturday, police said. The woman, identified as a resident of Ghaziabad, was found by the police lying face down with no external injuries, though there was some discharge of blood from her nose.

Police have claimed that a security guard working at the site is a suspect in the case, and is currently absconding.

Sources said that video footage of the suspect purportedly taking the woman's body from inside the house has been provided to police.

DCP Meghna Yadav said, “A call was received at 9.25 am about a body lying near the back door of a house in east Delhi. The security guard was missing when we reached the spot.”

Man stabbed to death after van hits pet dog

Every vote to Congress will strengthen BJP, says Kejriwal

Kejriwal writes to CMs on Electricity Act amendments

Many demands, and parties, at Taimoor Nagar panchayat

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uttarakhand Electric Vehicle Manufacturing, E.V. Usage Promotion and Related Services Infrastructure Policy -2018 2. Uttarakhand Aroma Policy -2018 3. Uttarakhand Tourism Policy -2018 4. Large Industrial Investment & Employment Promotion Policy -2018 5. IT Policy -2018 6. Uttarakhand AYUSH Policy -2018 7. Amended Solar Energy Policy -2018 8. Biotechnology Policy -2018 9. 'Right of Way' Policy -2018 10. Power Generation from Pine needles and other types of Biomass Policy -2018 	<p>DAY 1 SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2018</p> <p>SECTORAL SESSIONS Manufacturing, Tourism & Hospitality, Infrastructure, Film Shooting & Entertainment and IT / ITes / Biotechnology</p> <p>COUNTRY SESSIONS Czech Republic, Japan</p> <p>Ganga Aarti at Rishikesh</p>	<p>DAY 2 MONDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 2018</p> <p>SECTORAL SESSIONS Agriculture & Horticulture, Healthcare & Wellness, MSME, Start-ups and Education & Skills Development</p>

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		Hotel Madhuban, Rajpur Road – Hotel Four Points – Hotel Lemon Tree	
		Ramada Hotel, Chakrata Road – Hotel Pacific	

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MADHYA PRADESH

Rahul bats for rights, Shah for security

‘PM making false promises, Cong will take up cudgels for the oppressed’

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 6

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Rahul Gandhi on Saturday alleged that Dalits, tribals, minorities and poor in the country were under attack and their rights being snatched away under BJP rule.

“Kisan, garib, mazdoor, Dalits, minorities par aakraman ho raha hai... Aapke adhikar chheena ja raha hain (Farmers, poor, labourers, Dalits, minorities are being attacked... Your rights are being snatched away),” he said at an event organised by Adivasi Ekta Parishad in Morena.

Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP of working for a handful of industrialists and the rich, Rahul said he and his party will take up cudgels for the oppressed sections of society and restore their rights. “Whatever it takes, we will take up the fight for your rights and never back out.”

Rahul participated in Narmada Pujan along with Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee chief Kamal Nath and campaign committee head Jyotiraditya Scindia on the banks of the river at Gwari Ghat. A few posters hailed him as ‘Narmada Bhakt’, like his previous visits to Bhopal and Chitrakoot, where he was hailed

as ‘Shiv Bhakt’ and ‘Ram Bhakt’, respectively. He also took part in a road show in Jabalpur.

Accusing the Prime Minister of making false promises such as the transfer of Rs 15 lakh in bank accounts of every citizen in 2014 election campaign, Rahul said he never made a false promise since he joined politics in 2004.

He cited the loan waiver for farmers in Karnataka, a promise made by his party prior to the Assembly polls in the southern state, to make his point. “You will have to waive farmer loans,” Rahul said he told Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, adding that he is aware that waivers are not a solution to farmers’ woes but it was justified as they need help.

Insisting that the Congress knows what it takes to effect change, he cited the Green Revolution, White Revolution, telecom revolution as initiatives that took the nation forward. He also accused the NDA government of scuttling schemes and laws like MGNREGA, tribal Bill and Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act.

Referring to the UPA rule, he claimed that land was acquired by taking permission from panchayats, unlike now when bureaucrats make the decision.



Congress president Rahul Gandhi offers prayers at Gwari Ghat in Jabalpur on Saturday. PTI

BJP chief again likens infiltrators to termites, says party will throw all out

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 6

DESCRIBING INFILTRATORS as “termites who eat away at the country’s security”, BJP chief Amit Shah on Saturday said that each of them would be thrown out because they indulge in activities like bomb blasts, firing bullets and killing innocent people.

Addressing a rally at Jaora in Ratlam after the poll schedule was announced, the BJP chief said that when the Prime

Minister brought in the NRC, “Rahul Baba and company” made a hue and cry about it. “SP, BSP, Congress... they all thumped chests as if they had lost their grandmother,” he said, adding that 40 lakh infiltrators had been identified in Assam and they would be thrown out after probe.

“You elect the BJP here (MP) and later at the Centre. *Ek ek ghushpethiyonko chun chun ke nikalne ka kam BJP karegi* (BJP will do the job of throwing out each infiltrator),” he said.

Referring to Congress leader Digvijaya Singh, he added, “If you want you can keep them in your house because you have a big palace. But the BJP will not let a single one live in the country.” He said the country’s security was important for his party, not “vote-bank politics”.

Shah also took a jibe at former PM Manmohan Singh and his foreign tours.

He alleged that previous governments left the borders open, allowing lakhs of infiltrators into the country.

SP can’t wait any longer for tie-up with Cong in MP: Akhilesh

Lucknow: The Samajwadi Party (SP) on Saturday said it will no longer wait for the Congress to decide on an alliance for Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections.

The SP’s move came days after BSP chief Mayawati ruled out any alliance with that party for Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections.

Speaking to the media in Lucknow, SP national president Akhilesh Yadav said that his party will no longer wait for the Congress, and that they are already in talks with Gondwana Gantantra Party (GGP) for MP and Chhattisgarh elections and will do the same with the BSP.

“SP will contest in MP and will talk to GGP and BSP. Congress made us wait for so long... We can’t wait anymore,” the SP chief said. “In Chhattisgarh, we are in talks with GGP. We will also talk to BSP. No one waits in politics. Our vote share might be low but we are number four in MP”

The Congress said in New Delhi that it had not been planning an alliance with the SP in Madhya Pradesh. Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala said there had been a possibility of alliance with BSP in Chhattisgarh and MP. ENS

NC MLA says BJP, RSS behind killings of two workers, BJP denies

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 6

NATIONAL CONFERENCE MLA for Srinagar’s Habbakadal constituency Shamima Firdous on Saturday alleged involvement of the BJP and RSS in the killing of two NC workers in Srinagar on Friday. The deceased were close aides of Firdous. The BJP said the NC was making such statements out of frustration.

NC workers Nazir Ahmad and Mushtaq Ahmad were shot by suspected militants. The attack came days before the local body polls in Jammu and Kashmir. PDP and NC have boycotted the elections, and among the major parties only BJP and Congress have fielded candidates.

Addressing a press conference here, Firdous said, “The BJP has fielded Kashmiri Pandits candidates in wards of my area. Our innocent workers were killed because the BJP wanted to

create panic, so that nobody comes for polling... The BJP wants their candidates to have no competition.”

Breaking down, Firdous said the deceased workers were with her for many years. “Police say they were killed by militants. But my workers were neither informers nor part of any election process. Why would militants kill them? I have no hesitation in saying that BJP and RSS are responsible for the killing of my workers. They (BJP) are doing everything to win elections,” she said.

BJP general secretary (organisation) Ashok Kaul told the Indian Express: “It is the NC’s frustration for which they are making such statements. What has the BJP and RSS to do with it (killings)? NC has been out of power for some time now and they are now making such statements out of frustration. We said the incident was unfortunate, and this kind of incident shouldn’t have happened.”

Don’t recognise extreme Right or Left: Fadnavis

Mumbai: CM Devendra Fadnavis said he would not deviate from his “raj dharma”, which enables him to take stern action against any individual, group or institution indulging in acts against the Constitution. Speaking at Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in New Delhi, Fadnavis said he does not recognise “extreme Left or extreme Right”.

Asked if he believed that action against the activists, who have been described as ‘Urban Maoists’, was witchhunt, Fadnavis said: “I am doing my Raj dharma. I don’t recognise extreme Right or extreme Left. Any person, group or institution found acting against the Constitution would be dealt with firmly.” ENS

Pawar will not contest Lok Sabha polls

Mumbai: NCP president Sharad Pawar will not contest the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, party chief spokesperson Nawab Malik said on Saturday.

“Pawar saheb will not contest the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. He had not contested 2014 Lok Sabha elections. Instead, he chose to work as a member of Rajya Sabha,” he said.

Malik said that at the two-day party meeting that began in Mumbai Saturday, a section of NCP urged Pawar to contest from Pune. “Pawar interacted with party workers and office-bearers. Some party leaders suggested Pawar should contest from Pune. However, he dismissed the suggestion,” he said. ENS

Chittarranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), (Campus-II), Kolkata)
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Govt. of India

HSCC/CNCI/IT/LL/2018 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Date **05/10/2018**

Online bids are invited on behalf of Director, CNCI, Kolkata under MoH&FW through e-tendering from eligible bidders duly registered in India as per applicable Law for the following works:

Name & description of work	Estimated cost	Completion period of work	Last date to fill/upload the tender	Bid security amount
Supply, installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of 1 Gbps Internet Leased Line connection (1:1) for CNCI, Kolkata	Rs. 70 Lacs (Yearly)	2 Calendar Months	26/10/2018 upto 14:30 hrs. Opening at 15.00 hrs.	Rs. 1,40,000/-

For submission and other details please refer HSCC’s e-tender portal www.tenderwizard.com/hssc, www.hsccltd.co.in & www.eprocure.gov.in from the 08/10/2018. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly scan through HSCC’s e-tender portal www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC and HSCC’s website www.hsccltd.co.in as corrigendum/amendments etc., if any, will be notified on this portal only and separate advertisement/communication will not be made for this.

General Manager (IT)
HSCC (India) Ltd.
For & on behalf of Director, CNCI, Kolkata

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR UD & HOUSING
ANJAW DIST : HAWAI

No. DD/UD/PLG-33/2008-09/ Dated, Itanagar the 3rd October, 2018
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

On behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, the Chief Engineer cum Director, Department of Urban Development and Housing, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh invites Item Tender from eligible contractor of CPWD and those of appropriate list of Department of Telecommunication, MES, Railway, BRO, NBCC, HPL, NPCC, Enlisted Contractors of APPWD, reputed organizations or consortia led by Indian organizations having proven professional capabilities and other State Approved Enlisted Firms and Companies registered with appropriate level for the following works:

Sl. No	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)	BID SECURITY	Document fee	Start Date	End Date
1.	Construction of balance works of JNV at Hawaii, Anjaw District, Arunachal Pradesh Phase-A, (Balance Work)	2133.00	APST- Rs. 21.33 Non-APST- Rs. 42.67 lacs	Rs. 15000.00	06.10.2018 Time: 4 PM	19.10.2018 Time: 2 PM

The interested bidders can purchase bidding papers from Office of the Dy. Director, Hawai w.e.f. 06.10.2018 to 13.10.2018. The full details of work with scope, eligibility criteria etc. and details may seen in the bidding documents. The cost of tender papers & EMD should be addressed to the Deputy Director, UD & H, Hawai Division, Department of UD & Housing.

Sd/-
Dy. Director
DIPR/ARN 2676-78
UD & Housing, Hawai

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TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT (APPROX.)	WEBSITE
1.	PWD B&R, FATEHABAD, PH: 01687-220120 E-mail: pwd-eeepd-fatehabad@hry.nic.in	CONSN. OF GOVT. VETERINARY DISPENSARY AT DHANGER IN FATEHABAD DISTT.	01.10.2018 15.10.2018	28.07 LACS	www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in
2.	PWD B&R, KAITHAL, PH: 01746-222282 E-mail: pwd-eeepd-kaitthal@hry.nic.in	DEVELOPMENT OF KOTI KUTESHWAR TIRTH AT VILLAGE KEORAK IN KAITHAL DISTRICT.	12.10.2018 09.10.2018	230.57 LACS	pwdbnr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in
3.	PWD B&R, KAITHAL, PH: 01746-222282 E-mail: pwd-eeepd-kaitthal@hry.nic.in	CONSTRUCTING SIDE DRAIN ALONG WITH PAVAR BLOCK ON FEROPUR APP ROAD IN VILLAGE PORTION SIWAN (ID 7148) IN KAITHAL DISTT.	25.10.2018 29.10.2018	26.50 LACS	pwdbnr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in
4.	PWD B&R, KAITHAL, PH: 01746-222282 E-mail: pwd-eeepd-kaitthal@hry.nic.in	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VETERINARY DISPENSARY VILLAGE JAGDISHPURA IN KAITHAL DISTT.	25.10.2018 29.10.2018	30.23 LACS	pwdbnr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in
5.	PWD B&R, KAITHAL, PH: 01746-234087 E-mail: eeepd2.pwd.ktl-hry@nic.in	CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS 5 NOS ROADS IN GUHLA CONSTITUENCY UNDER PROV. DIVN. NO. II, PWD B&R KAITHAL	26.10.2018 23.10.2018	468.50 LACS	pwdbnr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in
6.	MEWAT WATER SERVICES DIVISION NUH. PH: 01267-271271 E-mail: xenmw@nuh@gmail.com	RE-CONSTRUCTION OF V.R. BRIDGE AT KM 21.957 UJINA DIVERSION DRAIN + WORKS	23.10.2018 19.10.2018	700 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in
7.	HARYANA IRRIGATION DEPTT. SAFIDON	CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OVER HANSI BRANCH AT R.D. 106470 R.D. 170 SAFIDON DITCH DRAIN AT R.D. 550 JIND DISTY NO. 3.	OPENING DATE 19.10.2018	206 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in
8.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, HISAR	RENOVATION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME SUNDAWAS DISTT. HISAR.	01.10.2018 16.10.2018	26.86 LACS	phed.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in
9.	FOREST DEPTT. YAMUNA NAGAR PH: 01732-237821	VARIOUS FORESTRY OPERATIONS IN DIFFERENT BLOCKS IN KALESAR RANGES OF YAMUNA NAGAR	CLOSING DATE 10.10.2018 & 15.10.2018	NA	www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in www.haryanaforest.gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT:
www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society
(An Autonomous institution under Dept. of Higher, Technical Education & Skill Development, GoJ)
Shram Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002, Phone : 0651-2481644
Email – skilljharkhand@gmail.com : Website – www.skilljharkhand.org

Adv. No - 15/2018 Dated - **05/10/2018**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR Empanelment of Industry Bodies for Conducting Industry Roadshows in Industrial Hubs of India

The Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society (JSDMS) was incorporated as a society in 2013 for the development of the skill training initiatives in the state of Jharkhand invites technical & financial proposals by e-tendering from reputed firms for Empanelment of Industry Bodies for Conducting Industry Roadshows in Industrial Hubs of India as detailed in the RFP document.

The document can be downloaded from the website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Response to this tender shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its implications. This section provides general information about the Issuer, important dates and addresses.

SCHEDULE FOR INVITATION OF RFP

Sl. No.	e-Tender No.	JSDMS/RFP/05/2018
1.	Name of the Work	Empanelment of Industry Bodies for Conducting Industry Roadshows in Industrial Hubs of India
2.	Name of the issuer of this tender	Mission Director, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society
3.	Date of issue of tender document	05/10/2018
4.	Last Date for sending Pre Bid Query	11/10/2018 till 02.00 P.M.
5.	Pre Bid Meeting	11/10/2018 at 03:00 P.M. at JSDMS office Ranchi.
6.	Publishing of pre-bid queries response	12/10/2018 on www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
7.	Last Date for Submission of Bids	26/10/2018 up to 04:00 P.M.
8.	Last Date for Submission of hard copy of EMD and Tender Fees	29/10/2018 up to 04:00 P.M.
9.	Date of Opening of Technical Bids	29/10/2018 at 04:00 P.M
10.	Technical presentation	Yes, date shall be communicated by JSDMS
11.	Opening of Financial Bids	Date shall be communicated by JSDMS
12.	Place of Submission of EMD, Tender Fees & Opening of Bids	Mission Director, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society Shram Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002 Website: www.skilljharkhand.org Email: skilljharkhand@gmail.com
13.	Address and Contact Number for Communication	Mission Director, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society Shram Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002 Website: www.skilljharkhand.org Email: skilljharkhand@gmail.com Contact Number : 0651-2481644
14.	Cost of Tender Document (Tender fees)	Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five thousand only) (non-refundable) through Demand draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society" payable at Ranchi
15.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lac only) in the form of Bank Guarantee from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society" payable at Ranchi
16.	Validity of Proposal	180 days from the last date of Tender submission

Sd/-
Mission Director
Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society
Shram Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002, Jharkhand

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
ELECTRIC PURCHASE CIRCLE-II, BEMINA, SRINAGAR, 190010
Web Site: www.pmpdpddjk.org Tele/Fax: 0194-2493881, email: epc2ndsrinagar@gmail.com

e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

e-NIT No: EPC-II/24/2018-19;

For and on behalf of the Governor Jammu and Kashmir state, Superintending Engineer, Electric Purchase Circle-II, Srinagar invites online e-bids from original Govt. registered manufacturers for supply of **3-Core, 25mm², 35mm² & 50mm², 1.1kV Grade, ISI Marked, L T Aerial Bunched Cable with Neutral-Cum-Messenger Conductor** & One Street Lighting Conductor for the requirement of J&K PDD as under:

S. No.	Material Description	FOR Jammu (Kms)	FOR Pampore (Kms)	Total Quantity (Kms)
1.	25mm ² , 1.1kV Grade, LT Aerial Bunched Cable having three Cores of Stranded Circular Compacted (Class-2) Aluminium Conductor with XLPE insulation, one Neutral-cum-Messenger core of Stranded Circular Aluminium Alloy bare Conductor & one Street Lighting Core of Stranded Circular Compacted (Class-2) Aluminium Conductor with XLPE insulation (3x25 + 1x25 + 1x16) mm²	1.00	427.00	428.00
2.	35mm ² , 1.1kV Grade, LT Aerial Bunched Cable having three Cores of Stranded Circular Compacted (Class-2) Aluminium Conductor with XLPE insulation, one Neutral-cum-Messenger core of Stranded Circular Aluminium Alloy bare Conductor & one Street Lighting Core of Stranded Circular Compacted (Class-2) Aluminium Conductor with XLPE insulation (3x35 + 1x25 + 1x16) mm²	822.36	71.00	893.36
3.	50mm ² , 1.1kV Grade, LT Aerial Bunched Cable having three Cores of Stranded Circular Compacted (Class-2) Aluminium Conductor with XLPE insulation, one Neutral-cum-Messenger core of Stranded Circular Aluminium Alloy bare Conductor & one Street Lighting Core of Stranded Circular Compacted (Class-2) Aluminium Conductor with XLPE insulation (3x50 + 1x35 + 1x16) mm²	2661.00	697.00	3358.00

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	01.10.2018;
ii)	Date & Time of Download/ Sale (End) of Tender Document	15.10.2018;
iii)	Date & Time of Bidding Queries / Clarifications	01.10.2018; to 04.10.2018;
iv)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	05.10.2018; 10:00 Hrs to 15.10.2018; 15:00 Hrs
v)	Submission of Hard Copy	Will be notified after opening of Financial Bids
vi)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	16.10.2018 at 13:00 Hrs
vii)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
viii)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Soft Copy Electronically
ix)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred only) for local firms of J&K State and Rs.47.50 Lacs (Rupees Forty Seven Lacs and Fifty Thousand only) for firms outside the State (Non-refundable)
x)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.5000.00 (Rupees Five thousand only) for local firms of J&K State and Rs. 47.50 Lacs (Rupees Forty Seven Lacs and Fifty Thousand only) for firms outside the State. In case the outside Firms are allotted quantity more than One-third of Tendered quantity, then the additional EMD has to be submitted by the bidder after receipt of LOI.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Electric Purchase Circle-II
Srinagar

DIPK-3238

UJJAIN SMART CITY LIMITED
उज्जैन स्मार्ट सिटी लिमिटेड
Mela Office, Kothi Road, Ujjain (M.P.)

NIT No. USCL/56 Dated: 01.10.2018

Ujjain Smart City Limited invites proposal for **"DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF CONVENTION CENTRE INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT WORKS AND DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD OF THREE YEARS"**. Interested bidders may purchase and submit their proposals online at www.mpeproc.gov.in.

Probable Amount of Contract :	Rs. 120,60,36,775/-
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 50,00,000/-
Cost of Document	Rs. 50,000/-
Pre-Bid Meeting Date	22.10.2018 15:00 hrs.
Last Date for Purchase of Tender	12.11.2018 upto 17:00 hrs.
Last Date for Submission of Technical and Financial Bid (Online)	12.11.2018 upto 17:30 hrs.
Last Date for Hard Copy Submission of Technical proposal only.	13.11.2018 upto 17:00 hrs.
Technical Proposal Opening Date	13.11.2018 after 17:00 hrs.

For more details please visit <https://www.mpeproc.gov.in>. Any Corrigendum or amendments, if any, shall be uploaded on this website only.

Executive Director
Ujjain Smart City Limited

Bihar School Examination Board
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>)

Tender Notice No. - PR 269/2018

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced & technologically sound Firms /Companies/Agencies/Societies having adequate infrastructure and Experience of printing and supply of printed Plastic bag, Envelop, corrugated box and poly bags of different specifications as per details given below:

Scope of work	Tender Processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00% to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS, Credit Card/Debit card) (in Rupees)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)
Supply of Printed Plastic Bags, Envelops in different colors, Corrugated Box, Plastics Poly Bags and Printed Adhesive Stickers with Variable Printing for packing of Examination materials of Secondary and Senior Secondary Annual and Compartmental Examination 2019 and other examinations as per decision of BSEB.	Rs. 1,180/-	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-

Tender Schedule/Programme:

Date & Time for Activity	Date/Time : Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From 07.10.2018 (11:00 Hrs.) to 29.10.2018 (11:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-bid meeting	12.10.2018 at 11:00 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-17)
Last Date/Time for submission / uploading of offer / Bid	29.10.2018 upto 14:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/Original	29.10.2018 upto 15:00 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-17)
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	29.10.2018 at 15:30 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-17)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority

- Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>).
- Bids must be accompanied with Bid Security (EMD) in the form of Demand Draft issued by a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank or e-Payment Mode.
- For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at "e-Procurement HELP DESK, First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Ph. No: 0612-2523006, Mob- 7542028164" or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>).
- Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on the departmental website <http://biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in> and e-Procurement Portal, Bihar (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>) in itself.
- Contact Details: Sh. Rajnikant Praveen, Deputy Secretary-9431424924.
- Note : Bihar school Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ reject/reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary

7 GOVT & POLITICS

At rally to mark end of Raje’s yatra, Modi slams Cong’s ‘vote-bank politics’

‘Parties creating division for political benefits, don’t allow them in any part of the country’

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 6

LAUNCHING THE BJP’s election campaign in Rajasthan at a rally to mark the end of Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje’s ‘Gaurav Yatra’, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Congress gave birth to vote-bank politics. This kind of politics, he said, leads to division along the lines of caste, religion, etc, and affects the administrative organisation.

At the ‘Vijay Sankalp Sabha’ rally in Ajmer, Modi praised Raje and said that it is his “good fortune” to be part of the culmination of a yatra during which the Chief Minister “travelled for 4,000 to 4,500 km and took blessings of god-and-goddess-like 7.5 crore citizens”.

Addressing the rally nearly an hour before the Model Code of Conduct kicked in, Modi said the BJP is dedicated to a new kind of politics and works with the principle of “*sarvajan hitay sarvjan sukhay*” — the slogan is also the BSP’s motto.

“On one side, there is a game of vote-bank politics, and on the other, *sabka saath sabka vikas*,” Modi said. “Those indulging in vote-bank politics enjoy playing the Hindu-Muslim game, of forward and backward, and of this *jaati* (caste) and that *biradari* (lineage), of city and village, of rich and poor, or men and women, of old and young.”



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje and other BJP leaders in Ajmer on Saturday. Rohit Jain Paras

He said such parties are always keen on fomenting division for political benefits. “*Jahan mauka mile tukde karo, jahan mauka mile daraar paida karo* (create divisions and rifts whenever you get a chance), stir them (people) against each other. They will keep fighting and you will hug one and grind your political axe. This is the game of vote-bank politics,” he said. “It is easy to break, but to bring (people) together you have to spend a lifetime.” Modi claimed that BJP is the party which “joins

every class and category”.

He said, “If the political parties are ruling, they divide the government cadre on the basis of vote bank. And then they give positions only to those who snugly fit in their vote-bank calculations. And because of that, half of government bureaucracy goes cold and stays away from work as long as that party rules. Because of this, the administrative organisation is afflicted.

“..Please do not allow these

political parties, indulging in vote-bank politics, in any part of the country,” he said.

Modi said that such parties also carry out development works considering the areas where their vote banks reside. “It is unfortunate that Congress gave birth to this tradition,” he said.

Referring to Raje’s veiled attacks on former chief minister Ashok Gehlot for being inactive inside the Assembly, Modi said the Congress only does “*aarti* and *parikrama* around one family”.

Electricity grant for farmers

Ajmer: Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje has announced a grant against electricity bills, of up to Rs 10,000 in a year, for farmers in the state. While the CM made the announcement at a rally attended by PM Modi, the orders had been issued on Friday. **ENS**

In Rajasthan, it’s Raje versus history: will it repeat itself and bring Congress back?

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 6

THE ELECTORAL battle in Rajasthan will be about the state’s poll history of late — and whether or not it repeats itself. While the incumbent BJP government of Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje is looking to break a 20-year-old tradition in state’s politics, in which no party has won successive polls, opposition Congress will hope for a repeat of that tradition.

Since 1998, the Congress and the BJP have won Vidhan Sabha elections alternately, neither able to retain power for consecutive terms.

After winning 163 seats in 2013 Assembly polls — the highest in Rajasthan’s election history — the BJP has suffered a string of losses in by-elections in the state in recent times. In February, the party lost bypolls to Lok Sabha seats of Alwar and Ajmer, along with Mandalgarh Assembly seat, to the Congress.

After the defeats, BJP initiated some damage-control measures, including changing its state unit president and re-inducting MLA Kirodi Lal Meena to the party along with two other legislators of National People’s Party (NPP). Meena was later elected to the Rajya Sabha on a BJP ticket. Meena, known to exercise considerable influence among the large Scheduled Tribe communities in eastern Rajasthan, had left the BJP in 2008 and won in

RAJASTHAN: 200 SEATS			
2013 RESULTS			
Party	Seats	Vote share	
BJP	163	46.05%	
Cong	21	33.71%	
BSP	3	3.44%	
Others/ Independents	13	15.5%	

2013 as an NPP candidate.

The Congress, meanwhile, launched the “*mera booth, mera gaurav* (my booth, my pride)” programme shortly after the by-poll victories, aiming to mobilise booth-level workers in districts.

The BJP has said, and is banking on the fact, that the Congress is a divided camp between loyalists of the party’s state unit president Sachin Pilot and former CM Ashok Gehlot. In his recent visit to Sawai Madhopur district, BJP president Amit Shah called the Congress a party that has neither *meta* (leader) nor *neeti* (strategy).

Shah has visited Rajasthan five times since September, addressing party workers and taking part in various events.

Congress president Rahul Gandhi reiterated during his recent rallies that the party’s state leadership has presented a united front against the BJP.

On the ground, Chief Minister Raje has been travelling across the state over the past two months as part of her “Rajasthan Gaurav Yatra”, holding public

meetings and interacting with people to tell them about achievements of her government. Flagship schemes such as the Bhamashah Swasthya Bima Yojana, skill training, setting up of Annapurana Bhandars, women-friendly initiatives such as scooter distribution to girl students and the claim of employment provided to 15 lakh people have consistently found place in her speeches during the yatra.

Raje also had to face black flag protests from protesting Rajput group members in districts such as Jaisalmer during her yatra. Despite traditionally being BJP voters, several leaders of the Rajput community have expressed disillusionment with the party over issues such as the “encounter” killing of gangster Anandpal Singh last year, among others.

The government has also announced several sops, free smartphones to families covered under the National Food Security Act among them.

The Congress has countered Raje’s yatra with its Sankalp rallies, where senior leaders such as Pilot, Gehlot and C P Joshi have accused the government of not fulfilling its promises and pledging good governance if the Congress emerges victorious.

The Congress has made anti-incumbency its primary poll issue, cornering the Raje government over farmer suicides, dissatisfaction among government employees, unemployment and corruption.



BJP chief Amit Shah has said the party is fighting under CM Raman Singh’s leadership but there is a sense on ground that BJP is fighting voter fatigue after 15 years in power. PTT file

In Chhattisgarh, Jogi-Maya X factor in BJP-Cong duel

DIPANKAR GHOSE
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 6

HAVING SEEN tight BJP-Congress electoral battles over the years, Chhattisgarh will see a new dimension in the two-phase polling next month: a third political formation, which may challenge, or at the very least disturb electoral calculations, in the tie-up between the BSP and Chhattisgarh Janata Congress (CJC).

While the BJP has governed the state since 2003, it has won with narrow vote-share advantage over the Congress — the 2013 election saw a difference of less than 1 per cent.

Leaders across parties told *The Sunday Express* that the new alliance has already affected calculations, as both the BJP and Congress are now set to announce their candidates later than they would otherwise have, for fear of angry, influential leaders heading to BSP-CJC team.

BJP president Amit Shah has repeatedly stated that the party is fighting these elections under the leadership of CM Raman Singh. Singh himself has thus far primarily focussed on what his government has done in terms of development, a sharp contrast to Shah’s far more combative speeches, speaking on issues such as surgical strikes and attacking his Congress compatriot Rahul Gandhi.

Singh has repeatedly asked voters to compare the state of Chhattisgarh today not with what has happened since 2013, but 2003, when the first of BJP’s three successive governments were formed. He has argued that he inherited a state in the doldrums, and in 15 years has pioneered a growth story.

CHHATTISGARH: 90 SEATS			
2013 RESULTS			
Party	Seats	Vote share	
BJP	49	41.02%	
Congress	39	40.29%	
BSP	1	4.27%	
Independent	1		

Critics, however, see this as an effort to hide weaknesses in his last term. And while Singh remains acceptable across the state, and is not a polarising figure, there is a sense on the ground that the BJP is fighting voter fatigue after 15 years in power.

Important also is a sense of anger among some farming communities that the BJP has not lived up to its electoral promises of a Rs 2,100 minimum support price for paddy.

Fifteen years out of power, the Congress has its own challenges. The first is the party’s apparent inability, at both national and state state level, to finalise crucial tie-ups — with either BSP, Gondwana Ganatantra Party or even the CPI, which is influential in at least two seats in Bastar.

Many political analysts had even said that a Congress-BSP victory was certain had their alliance come to fruition. Over the last one year, BJP, which won nine out of 10 reserved SC seats in 2013, found itself fighting an anti-Dalit image amid protests around amendments to SC/ST Act. But with BSP teaming up with Jogi’s CJC, the Congress is now trying to woo OBCs — the party has appointed Tamradhwaj Sahu as chairman of its OBC wing.

Holding its advantage in the 29 reserved ST seats, of which it has 18, is also crucial for the Congress.

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 6

CAMPAIGNING IN Telangana has become bitter and personal after the Congress and TDP’s Telangana unit formed an alliance, which also comprises the CPI, to take on the ruling TRS.

The TRS considers TDP an Andhra Pradesh-based party, and thus an enemy of Telangana.

In public meetings, TRS chief and Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao has minced no words in taking on Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu and his party, the TDP. “If Naidu sets foot on green grass, it turns to ashes — he brings bad luck. Naidu says I have joined hands with (PM Narendra) Modi to harass him. I want to ask him, is he not involved in the cash-for-vote case? Didn’t his party’s broker get caught offering the bribe? The Congress-TDP alliance is dangerous to Telangana,” KCR, as Rao is popularly known as, said at a public meeting at Wanaparthy on Friday.

He has also asked Naidu to stay away from Telangana.

The Congress, in turn, has launched a blistering attack on TRS for ostensibly failing to deliver after forming the first government of Telangana. The party singled out KCR and his family and accused them of corruption and incompetence.

Congress’s Telangana unit president N Uttam Kumar Reddy has started referring to KCR as a



Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao has slammed TDP chief and his AP counterpart Chandrababu Naidu in rallies. PTT file

“batte-baaz” and “*dhokebaaz* (cheat)”. At a recent public meeting, Reddy said, “KCR has spent his whole life speaking lies and cheating people...not a single TRS pre-election promise has been fulfilled.... He shattered aspirations and hopes of people of Telangana, and that’s why I call him a *dhokebaaz*.”

The Congress is also calling KCR’s chief’s fast-unto-death in November 2009, demanding formation of the new state, as “fake”. Maintaining that he was quoting hospital reports, Reddy has said, “KCR’s fast at NIMS Hospital (in Hyderabad) was as fake as KCR himself. He was being administered supportive IV (intravenous) fluids with alimentation and multivitamins and other medicines through injection. There was no risk to KCR’s life.... (He) cheated people.”

On the campaign front, the Congress and TDP have made

development of Telangana and welfare of people their main plank, including building 2 lakh houses every year for the weaker sections and promise to restore the old PDS system and supply nine commodities at ration shops at subsidised rates. The Congress may also announce loan waiver of up to Rs 2 lakh and unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000 to nearly 10 lakh jobless youth, the party has indicated.

The BJP has announced that it will consider waiving Rs 2 lakh loans taken by eligible beneficiaries. The TRS is promising to continue implementing the government’s welfare schemes.

While the TDP-Congress alliance looks good on paper, fissure points are expected to emerge. As a Congress leader said, “The seat-sharing issue is still being discussed. There are factions within the Congress and the TDP and they want their

TELANGANA: 119 SEATS

2014 RESULTS

Party	Seats	Vote share
TRS	63	34.15%
Cong	21	-
TDP	15	-
AIMIM	7	-
BJP	5	-
YSR Cong 3	-	
Others	5	-

(2014 polls held in undivided AP; Telangana-specific vote share not available.)

share of seats. It will be a big ask to keep all factions happy.”

TDP state president L Ramana, however, said, “There will be some problems but we have to unite to take on TRS. I am sure all differences will be sorted out.”

Rebellion is seen as brewing in TRS, too. KCR has announced a list of 105 candidates, renominating almost all sitting MLAs. “This has not gone down well with ticket aspirants,” a party leader said. “At least 20 per cent candidates are facing anti-incumbency, including some ministers. There may be rebellion when the final list is out.”

The BJP, quietly carrying out door-to-door campaign in the districts, has decided against any alliance. “We are contesting all 119 seats. People of Telangana feel cheated by KCR and TRS...and we are confident of doing well in Telangana,” BJP’s state unit chief, K Laxman, said.

Mizoram: BJP’s final frontier in N-E amid Cong-MNF contest

TORA AGARWALA
AIZAWL, OCTOBER 6

WHILE Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla’s government, in power for two terms since 2008, is confident of a third term, the principal opposition, Mizo National Front (MNF), believes there is a wind of change.

“There is an anti-incumbency feeling. A primary reason is the lack of development in almost every field — roads are in pathetic condition, and there has been no progress in the field of agriculture or horticulture,” said Zoramthanga, the former chief minister and president of MNF.

While the main contest is between the Congress and MNF, the BJP is hopeful of its chances. Party general secretary Ram Madhav visited Mizoram earlier this month and Amit Shah is expected to reach the state on October 17 to officially launch the campaign.

While the BJP is working on changing its “anti-Christian” image, the party is confident that it is “no longer a big issue”.

“When Ram Madhav visited Mizoram, we travelled to districts such as Champhai. We explained that we are not an anti-Christian party and that we have Christian ministers in Nagaland and Meghalaya. In the upcoming election, we will not put up a candidate from UP or Bihar. We will put a Mizo Christian,” said V Hluna, BJP’s Mizoram unit president.

MIZORAM: 40 SEATS			
2013 RESULTS			
Party	Seats	Vote share	
Congress	34	44.63%	
Mizo	5	28.65%	
Natl Front			
Mizo	1	6.15%	
People’s Conf.			
BJP	0	0.37%	

But a spokesperson of student outfit Mizo Zirlai Pawl, which is not affiliated to any political party, said the public still views BJP as “pro-Hindu”. “The main fight is between Congress and MNF. At this point, we believe, popular support is tilted towards MNF,” the spokesperson said.

The Congress, however, feels anti-incumbency is “quite negligible”. “It is not non-existent but it is not a big issue,” said Rinmawia Ralte, a Congress MLA and political secretary to the chief minister.

But MNF’s Zoramthanga said, “I believe the Congress will not get even 10 out of the 40 seats. If we come to power, we will carry out complete prohibition... A lot of people die because of alcohol.”

The BJP said while it plans to contest alone, it is “open to making arrangements with smaller parties like the newly formed People’s Right to Information and Development Implementation Society of Mizoram and Zoram People’s Movement”.

Cong falters in poll talks but tough fight for BJP after 3 terms

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 6

THE BJP faces a challenging election in Madhya Pradesh, which goes to polls on November 28. In the largely bipolar polity of the state, the BJP has been in power for three consecutive terms now, after ending the 10-year rule of the Congress in 2003-end.

While his government has been hit by a series of protests, including by Dalit organisations over a Supreme Court order on the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, and later by upper castes/OBCs over changes made to the Act to get around that order, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will lead the BJP campaign.

The Congress has not announced any CM candidate, though it has made it clear that the choice would be between PCC chief Kamal Nath and campaign committee chief Jyotiraditya Scindia, should it make the grade on December 11.

It’s been a tough balancing act for the faction-ridden party, though Nath had last year said that he would back Scindia as the CM face.

The Congress has tried to play the religion card, announcing that it would develop “the route taken by Lord Rama on way to exile” as Ram Van Gaman Path, set up major temples as hubs of religious tourism, and build a gaushala in every panchayat. The minority vote in the state is not significant.

But Congress hopes have



CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Congress leader Kamal Nath



been hurt to some extent by the BSP decision to go it alone. Nath, who took over as head of the state unit in April this year, has consistently backed a “strategic tie-up” with the BSP. It has now blamed the party’s hard-bargaining, saying it was demanding tickets even in constituencies where it had fared poorly in 2013.

Another alliance the Congress was hoping for, with the Gondwana Ganatantra Party, has also fallen through.

Besides, the entry of SAPAKS Party, born out of the movement against the MP government’s policy of reservation in government jobs, and a tribal outfit, Jai Adivasi Yuva Shakti (JAYAS), that

MADHYA PRADESH: 230 ASSEMBLY SEATS			
2013 RESULTS			
Party	Seats	Vote share	
BJP	165	44.88%	
Congress	58	36.38%	
BSP	4	6.29%	

claims to represent young and unemployed Adivasis, could upset the calculations of both the Congress and BJP.

The Samajwadi Party is not a force to reckon with in MP.

While JAYAS has said that its candidates will contest from 80 seats, including the 47 constituencies reserved for Scheduled Tribes, the SAPAKS Party has indicated that it will either field or support candidates

on all 230 seats. The SAPAKS Party claims support from Other Backward Classes, which are affected by the promotion policy and want changes to the SC/ST Act as most of the cases under it in the state are against OBCs.

Before the caste protests took centrestage, anger among farmers over falling prices had dominated headlines in MP, especially last year after five protesters were killed in and around Mandsaur in police firing. One protester had allegedly died in police custody. Though the report of the judicial probe into the Mandsaur incident has been filed, the government has chosen not to make it public. After the death of the protesters, the BJP government had announced an unprecedented compensation of Rs 1 crore.

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PERSONAL

I, No: 10452650-N, NK. S. Mayandi affirm that in my service record my son name M. Puthu Perumal have been wrongly mentioned, his correct name is Puthu Perumal M. for all purposes. 0040468184

WE Munish Kumar and Monika Birdi R/o 404, Sheeba Apartments, Sector 28, Gurugram, Haryana have changed our minor daughter's name from Misha to Misha Birg. 0070619006-1

IT is for a general information that I, Raavee Yadav, Daughter of Late Sh. Krishan Yadav, Residing at House No. 108, Sikanderpur Ghosi, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Barkha Yadav in my Educational Documents and in the other Documents. The actual name of mine is Raavee Yadav, which may be amended accordingly. 0070618972-1

I, Paulin C Varghese D/o C.T.Varghese R/O-39, Third Floor, Meera Enclave, Chaukhandi, Tilak Nagar N-D-18 mine name, father's name and mother's name written Paulin C Varughese, C.T. Varughese and Jossenamma Varughese respectively in my all documents but mine and my parents correct name is Paulin C Varghese, C.T.Varghese and Jossenamma Varghese respectively. 0040468326-2

I, khushadhwaia Barik, S/o SH. Sachindra Barik R/o. Kandagan, Gilajori, Baleswar Odisha-756081, changed my name Deepak Barik to khushadhwaia Barik, for all purposes. 0040468404-7

I, hitherto known as Sachindra Kumar S/o.Sh.Ved Prakash, R/o.81, Kichhipur-Old, PO-KalyanPuri, Delhi-110091, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sachinder Kumar. 0040468379-9

I, Yuvraj Bajwa S/o Daljeet Singh Bajwa, R/o H.No-159, Savita Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Yuvraj Singh Bajwa. 0040468373-1

I, Uroos Fatma W/o Mohammad haroon R/o H.No-2588, near Sarak Prem Narayan Churi Walaan Jama Masjid Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Fatima Begum. 0040468328-1

I, Surabhi Agarwal D/O. Pawan Kumar Gupta Add-B3/32, Ashok-Vihar Phase-2 Delhi-110052. Have Changed My Name To Surbhi Agarwal. 0040468414-7

I, Sudha Saraswat W/O.Late Ajit Saraswat R/O.706,5F-2, ShaktiKhand-3, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P-201014, have changed my name to Pooja Saraswat, for all purposes. 0040468379-4

I, Suchetena Kumari D/O Ajeet Kumar Singh R/oH.N.02, First-Floor, Pkt-7 Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Suchetena, for all purposes. 0040468410-4

I, Srivatsan V S/o Varadarajan G R/O A-503, Sri Durga CGHS Society Plot No-6A, Sec-11, Dwarka New Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Srivatsan Varadarajan for all purposes. 0040468362-1

I, Sonal Narendra Shantilal Jain D/o Narendra Kumar Shantilal Jain R/o Y-22C, TGB Meghdootam, Sector-50, Noida, G.B.Nagar, U.P-201301 have changed my name to Sonal Narendra Jain permanently. 0040468360-1

I, Simar Sawhney D/o Saravjit Sawhney Residence I-7/59 Rajouri-Garden NewDelhi, have changed my name to Simar Kaur Sawhney. 0040468373-3

I, Shalu S/o Shashi Katyarl R/o-P.-41, MalkaGanj, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Shalu Katyarl. 0040468373-10

I, Shailender S/o Vishwa Mittar Punjabi R/O.57A, Pkt-R, Dilshad-Garden, East/Delhi-95, have changed my name to Shailender Punjabi, for all future purposes. 0040468373-4

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o-Late Sh.Desh Raj, R/o-C-134, Ashoka-Enclave-II, Sector-37, Faridabad, Haryana, have changed the name of my minor son Pulkit aged 14years and shall hereafter be known as Pulkit Malik. 0040468379-10

I, Sanjay Kumar S/O Shri Mamraj R/O RZ-168/1, Gali No-6, Durga Park, Nasirpur, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Sanjiv Kumar. 0040467731-7

I, Sandeep S/o Karam Chand R/o 867, Baba Farid Puri West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Sandeep Mathur for all purposes. 0070619003-1

I, Lunima Mallick,W/o Sh.Sanibash Pradhan R/o Village-Baibali, Post-Luhuringia, Distt.-Kandhamal, Orissa, Have Changed My Name To Lunima Pradhan, For All Future Purposes,& My-Correct Date-of-Birth is-21.08.198. 0040468410-7

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o, Dharampal Singh R/o,WZ-1272 First/Floor, Backside, Nangalraya, Delhi-110046, have changed my minor son's name Chintu Singh to Saurabh permanently. D.O.B.-18.08.2011. 0040468404-5

I, Rohit S/o Satpal Singh R/o-1029, AAR AAR Enclave, Badshahpur, Gurgaon-122101, have changed name to Rohit Kumar. 0040468373-9

I, Rekha Rani Saini W/o Rajinder Saini H.No.60 Jeevan-Nagar Bhagwan Nagar Ashram Delhi-110014, changed my name to Rekha Saini. 0040468404-4

I, Rakesh Kumar S/O Shri. Dhanpat R/O,WZ-72B 80 yard-colony Tilak-Nagar NewDelhi-110018. Have Changed my Daughter Name Yachika To Yashasvi. 0040468373-5

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Narain Das Goel R/o 111D, 2nd Floor Kamla Nagar Delhi-110007 Have Changed My Name to Rajesh Goel Permanently. 0040468366-1

I, Rajesh Goel S/O Prahlad Goel R/O-F-99, Lal Kuan, Nazdik Panchamukhi Mandir, Jaipur, Badarpur, N.Delhi-110044, Changed My Name To Rajesh Goyal. 0040468414-2

I, Sonu Sahni H.No. 41, Pocket-2, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi have changed my name to Taruna Anand. 0070619002-1

I, Pratik Behal S/o Sanjeev Kumar Behal R/O-357, Gali-Chandi-Wali Paharganj, SwamiRam TirthNagar, Delhi-110055, changed my name to Prateek Behl. 0040468379-8

I, Nitish S/O Krishan Lal Punyani H.No-308, Village Bainasi, Tehsil-Meham, Distt.Rohtak, Haryana-124514, Changed My Name To Nitish Punyani. 0040468414-4

I, Nirmal Malla W/o Neelmani Malla R/o G-29, Sector-41, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name from Niramal Malla to Nirmal Malla for all purposes. 0040468405-1

I, Naseema/Naema W/O Zahid Khan H.No-7699, Dharam Pura Lodge, Old-Subzi-Mandi, Delhi-110007, Changed My Name To Naema Khan. 0040468414-3

I, Manmeet Singh S/o Partap Singh R/o F-15, Kalkaji, NewDelhi-110019, have changed my name to Sanmeet Singh, for all Purposes. 0040468379-2

I, Manjit Kaur, W/o Manmohan Singh, R/o.F-55, GF, Kh.No. 1523/2, Phase-VI, Arya-Nagar Extn, New-Delhi-110047, have changed my name to Manjeet Kaur. 0040468414-1

I, Madaram Son/of Jarupram R/O.SMQ No.F-7 NWC Air-Force Station NewDelhi Race-Course NewDelhi-110003, have changed my name, from Madaram to Vikram Patel vide-Affidavit dated 5-10-2018. 0040468404-9

I, MD Samsuddin Ansari S/o, Mohammad Isu R/o. Plot.No.21 Lane.No.W17/A Mustatil.No.31 Killa.No.25 Sainik-Form Delhi-62, changed my name to Samsuddin Ansari. 0040468404-2

I, Kuljit S. Mann S/o Chandan Singh R/o F-703/2036, Chandan-Market, Alipur, Delhi-110036, have changed my name to Kuljit Singh Mann. 0040468410-1

I, Km.Ranjana Devi,D/o Shri.Radheya Shyam R/o H.No.HR-251, Brahma-Kumaris, 60Feet-Road, Pul-PehladPur, NewDelhi-110044, have changed my name to B.K. Ranjana, for all purposes. 0040468404-8

I, Jyoti Rani D/o Sh. Lekh Raj R/O 131A, Main Shiv Mandir Gali, Majupur, Delhi have changed my name to Jyoti Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040468329-1

I, Jaya Pamnami W/o Gaurav Lalwani R/o- EA-105, F/F, Inderpuri, New Delhi-110012 have changed my name to Aisha Lalwani. 0040466467-1

I, Jatin Chawla S/O Mr.Jatinder Kumar Chawla R/O.A2/6, Triveni-Apartment, B/3 Vasundra-Enclave, Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Jatin Jatinder Chawla, for all future purposes. 0040468410-8

I, Jagdih Prasad Jin S/O Mamchand Jain R/O.182, Pocket-B, Dda-Flats, Sukhdev Vihar, N.Delhi-110025, Changed My Name To Jagdish Prasad Jain. 0040468414-5

I, Ish Bhutani S/o Nand Lal, 29/8, 3rd Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to Ish Kumar. 0040468212-1

I, Hari Parkash Rana, S/o Sh.Dev Parkash Rana R/o.402B, Shree Radha-Krishna CGHS-Ltd, Plot.No-23, Sector-7,Dwarka, NewDelhi-75, have changed my name, from Hari Parkash to Hari Parkash Rana, for all purposes. 0040468379-7

I, Gurjit Kaur,W/O Jaswinder Singh R/O.Ac-9c, Shalimar Bagh Delhi-88, Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Sahib Singh Anand To Gurmehar Singh Anand. 0040467442-9

I, Geeta Devi W/o Pahal Singh R/o G-8/77, Sec-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Lakshvinder Kaur. 0040468212-2

I, Gajnavi, have changed my name to Ghaznavi S/O-Fayaz Ahmed, R/O.29, Dargah Sayad Hussain, Punchkuian-Road, New-Delhi-110001, DOB-1/1/1947, for all purposes. 0040468379-6

I, Dimple Arora W/o Sanjay Dey R/o. RZF-989, RajNagar-2, Palam-Colony, New-Delhi-110077, changed my name to Seema Dey, for future. 0040468373-2

I, Dilpreet Singh S/o-Agya Pal Singh Kohli Residence-Flat.No.702, Omaxe-Green Valley Daffodil-Tower Sector-41-42, Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my name to Dilpreet Singh Kohli. 0040468410-5

I, Chander Kumar S/o Subhash Chand R/o. WZ-5-B OmVihar Phase-2, Uttam-Nagar Delhi-59, changed my name to Chander. 0040468404-1

I, Binod Kumar Thakur S/o-Ram Sagar Thakur, H.No-7, Block-G, South. City-1, Gurgaon, Haryana, INFORM THAT Givan Name Binod Kumar AND SURNAME Thakur. 0040468373-6

I, Bimla Kabra W/o Prem Prakash Kabra R/o.E-1/103 Sector-11 Faridabad, Haryana-121006, changed my name to Bimla Devi Maheshwari. 0040468404-3

I, Balbir Kaur W/O Jaswant Singh Sahota R/O.Villi-Saifpur Firojpur Post-Behsuma Meerut, Have Changed My Name Simmi Sahota. 0040468329-2

I, Avi S/o Jatinder Singh R/o.WZ-120 GF Gali.No.6 ShivNagar Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Sanjeet Singh. 0040468379-1

I, Aryaveer Bakshi S/O Garima sood R/o.C-196 Ramprastha colony Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Aryaveer Sareen. 0040468410-2

I, Anuraag Mahajan, S/O Shri.Yog Raj Mahajan, residing at H.No.28, First-Floor, NRI-Complex, G.K.-IV, New Delhi-110019, have changed the name of my minor son ANAV MAHAJAN aged16, years to ANNAV MAHAJAN, for all purposes. 0040468404-6

I, Angesh Kumar S/o.Brij Mohan Rajbhar R/O-A-132, GF, Harkesh-Nagar, Okhla-Industrial Estate, Delhi-110020, have changed my name to Angesh Kumar Rajbhar. 0040468379-3

I, Amit Kumar Choudhary S/o Late Sh.Ram Lal Chaudhary R/O 629-630-B, Opp. Petrol Pump, Nyay Khand-2 Indirapuram, Ghaziabad (U.P) -201010 have changed my name from Amit Kumar Choudhary to Amit Chaudhary for all future purposes. 0040468382-1

I, Akshita D/o Manoj Kumar Gupta R/O.Flat.No.205 New Swastik Apartment Sector-9 Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Akshita Gupta. 0040468414-6

I, Agarwal Shakuntala Bharatlal W/o Mahavir Parsad Tayal R/o-B-75, Pushpajali-Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Shakuntla Devi. 0040467256-1

I, Adarsh B S/O-D-1074 Dda Flats Bindapur Uttam Nagar Delhi-110059, Have Changed My Name To Adarsh Bhasi. 0040468414-8

I, Abhijeet Ganguli S/O Mr.Joy Ganguli R/O.J-98, Ground Floor, Mayfield Garden, Sector-51, Gurgaon Haryana-122001, have changed my name to AvlJeet Ganguli, for all future purposes. 0040468404-10

I hitherto known as Yogesh Kumar, S/o Radhey Shyam, R/o House No. 760, Ground Floor, BLK-P-1, JJ Colony, Sultanpuri City Landmark Near Police Station Road, Delhi 110041, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Yogesh Khandelwal. 0070618958-1

I hitherto known as Suman Rathii, D/o Munshi Ram, W/o Rakesh Rathii, R/o Old No. 253B, New No. 253B-1, Flat No. 1 F/F, R/S, Village-Munirka, New Delhi-110067, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Suman Devi. 0070618962-1

I hitherto known as Sarjit Singh Saini Alias Surjeet Singh, S/o Late Kishan Singh, R/o House No.5, Village Kureni, Near Old Masjid Kureni Narela, North West Delhi-110040, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Surjit Singh. 0070618964-1

I Santosh Sharma, S/O Bihari Lal Sharma, H.N.17A, T-BLCK, St. No.7, Uttam Ngr, Delhi-59, have changed my name Santosh Kumar Sharma to Santosh Sharma 0050138017-1

I Sachin Saraswat S/O.Late.Ajit Saraswat R/O.706, SF-2, ShaktiKhand-3, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P- 201014, have changed my name to Sachin Saraswat for all purposes. 0040468379-5

I Rajani Handa W/o Sh.Ravi Dharnija R/O-A-34 Second floor, GuruNanak Road Kewal Park Extn, Adarsh Nagar Delhi-110033 have Changed my name to Garima Dharnija for all future Pourposes. 0040468326-1

I Pawan Kumar, S/O Late Mohan Lal Arora, C-505, Vikaspuri, ND-18, have changed my name Pawan Kumar to Pawan Arora for all purposes. 0050138015-1

I Joginder Khurana S/O.Late Sh.Charan Jeet Khurana R/O. 97-B, Arjun-Nagar, S.J.Enclave, New-Delhi-110029 Changed my Name to Rishi Khurana. 0040468373-8

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I, Sunil Kumar s/o Karan Pal Aggarwal R/O O-40/C, Ganesh Marg, Krishan Vihar, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Sunil Aggarwal for all future purposes. 0040467402-1

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ANIL KHOSLA- ADVOCATE
Ch. No. K-69, Near Date No.2, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -110054

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Smt. Kamlesh W/o Shri Jagdish Singh and jagdish Singh S/o Shri Prem Singh, Both Resident of House No. K-583, Dakshin Puri, New Delhi, also at: House No. H-210, Aya Nagar, New Delhi-110047, have debarred and disowned their son Mr. Sunil Kumar and his wife namely Sonam from all their movable and immovable properties due to his disrespectful behavior and out of control of my client. My client have also severed all their relation with him. If anybody deal with him in any manner he/she/T.G. shall do so at his/her own risk and consequences. My client shall not be liable or responsible for the same in any manner.
Sd/-
GANESH P. Tripathi (Advocate)
Ch. No. 651, Saket Court, N. Delhi-17

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Mr. Sanjit Mittal, S/o. Mr. Ravinder Mittal, Rio. H-18, First Floor, Ganga Extension, New Delhi-110016, is interested in purchasing one-sixth undivided share of built-up property bearing No. 4563, 4564, 4564/1 & 4565, Mahavir Bazar, Cloth Market, Church Mission Road, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110005, which was previously owned by Mrs. Kusum Lata Malani and Mr. Anand Malani. If anyone has any objections/claims in this regard, he/she should inform me in writing in this regard within seven days of this publication failing which no claims shall be entertained later on.
Sd/-
LAJUT GUPTA (Advocate)
16, Commissioner's Lane, Civil Lines, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to the public at large that my clients Mr. Om Prakash Sharma and his wife Smt. Kamlesh Sharma both resident of House No. -80, Ashok Park, Main, New Delhi-110035, have disowned their sons and daughters-in-law namely Mr. Harsh Bhardwaj, Mr. Deepak Bhardwaj, Mr. Hansraj Bhardwaj, Ms. Rajni Bhardwaj, Ms. Shweta Bhardwaj and Ms. Shwani Bhardwaj in every aspect and they shall not have any right over my above named clients all movable and immovable properties in any manner. My clients have severed all relations with them due to their egotistic and quarrelsome nature. Any one dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility, and my clients shall not be liable or responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever.
Sd/-
SATISH KUMAR (Advocate)
Ch. No. L-9A, First Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE
MY CLIENT SMT. ANITA, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, W/O LATE SH. SUBHASH GUPTA, R/O H.No. 1662/162, GALI NO. 16, GOVINDPUR, KALKAJI, NEW DELHI- 110019, HAS SEVERED ALL RELATIONS AND DISOWNED HER SON NAMED SONU @ SHASHI GUPTA, AND HIS WIFE SWATI GUPTA, FROM HER ALL MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES DUE TO THEIR MISCONDUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR. MY CLIENT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ANY ACTS & DEEDS IN FUTURE ANYONE DEALS WITH THEM ON THEIR OWN RISK.
Sd/-
PRADPEE GUPTA (ADVOCATE)
Ch. No. 125 Saket Court New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Kuldeep Singh and Jyoti Rathour both R/O H.No. 57, Gali No. 26-K, Moharband Extension, Badarpur, New Delhi have disowned/debarred their son Avinash Singh from all their movable/ immovable properties and assets and severed all their relations with him, my clients shall not be responsible for any kind of civil/ criminal acts and liabilities done by him.
Sd/-
Vivek Kumar Singh (Advocate)
CH. NO. 575 Saket Courts New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Sh. Purshotam Lal Bajewa S/o Sh. Faqir Chand R/O RZ-120A/3, Gali No. 3, East Sagar Pur, New Delhi-110046 have disowned and Debarred his sons Ravish Kumar Bajewa, Rajkumar Bajewa and Bharat Bhushan Bajewa from all our movable/immovable assets/ properties for his misbehavior. Any body dealing with him will be doing so at his risks and costs. We shall not be held responsible in any manner.
Sd/-
S.K. Gupta (Advocate)
Ch. No. D-104/85 Chamber No. D-209, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-32 Mob- 9995656267

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Public at large is hereby informed that my client Shri Balister Tyagi S/o Late Sh. Raghunath Singh R/o WZ-59A, Basal Dangpur, New Delhi-15 is the one of co-owner along with his brothers of property bearing No. C-45 and C-45/1 situated at Lawrence Road Industrial Area, Delhi-35 as the same properties are ancestral properties. By the Order of Hon'ble High court of Delhi, an Arbitration proceeding is going on among the LRs of Late Sh. Raghunath Singh where these properties are also subject matter. My client has come to know that someone including other co-owner is trying to sale these properties without consent of my client. In case anybody deals with the said properties in any manner he or she shall be responsible for the same and the said deal shall have no legal binding and force upon my aforesaid client.
Sandeep Garg Advocate
102/32-B, Shree Ganes Complex Veer Savarkar Block, Shakarpur, Vikas Marg, Delhi-92

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Clients Shri Bhaji Raj Singh & his Wife Madhuri Singh both R/O A-302, Manav Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-85 do hereby Disown/Debar their son Hitek Singh from all their movable & immovable properties & severe their relations from him as he is no more in their control. If anybody dealing with him shall be doing at his/her own risk & responsibility. My client shall not be responsible for pros & cons arise therefrom.
Gaurav Dhameja (Advocate)
Rau-5, Pitampura, Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I Naresh Kumar S/o Late Sh. Ram Nath Residing at A-8/68, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-89 declare that name of my wife has been wrongly written as Smt. Bholi Devi in my service book. The actual name of my wife is Smt. Asha Devi respectively which may be amended accordingly.

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HOARDING COLLAPSE

Two Railway engineers held for negligence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, OCTOBER 6

A DAY after a hoarding crashed on a busy road at the Shahir Amar Shaikh junction near Juna Bazaar, killing four and leaving 10 others injured, Pune City Police arrested two engineers with the Indian Railways on charges of negligence.

Police have identified them as Sanjaysingh Vishnudevsingh (42) and Pandurang Nivrutti Vanare (57), who were responsible for work pertaining to hoardings. The hoarding was located on railway land. Meanwhile, police are looking for the contractor who was in charge of removing the hoarding, and his workers, who have been booked under sections 304 (2) and 34 of the IPC.

The hoarding, located on railway land, was rented out to private advertising contractors through tenders, said Railway officials. Recently, Railways had directed two of its contractors to strengthen old hoarding structures. While one contractor did so, the other allegedly didn't follow the instructions, and railway had subsequently barred the contractor from using the hoardings for commercial purposes. Later, railway officials asked the contractor to remove the hoardings, but he didn't do so. Finally, the Railways hired civil contractors to remove them. While four of the hoardings had been removed, the mishap took place when the fifth hoarding was being removed on Friday afternoon.

22 killed, 14 injured as mini-bus falls into gorge in J&K

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BANIHAL, JAMMU, OCTOBER 6

TWENTY-TWO people were killed and 14 injured when an overcrowded mini-bus fell into a 200-ft-deep gorge on Saturday after its driver allegedly lost control over the vehicle on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Ramban district, officials said.

Among the dead were three members of a family and the driver. Ten critically injured passengers were airlifted from the accident site to the Army Hospital at Udhampur and two others to Jammu, they said.

The vehicle was on its way to Ramban town from Banihal when the accident occurred. The driver lost control of the "overcrowded" vehicle which rolled down the deep gorge at Kela Morh near Marooft, DIG, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban range, Rafiq-ul-Hassan, said. The officials said 15 people died on the spot.

Governor Satya Pal Malik and leaders of various political parties expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident.

Parents 'kill' woman for marrying farm labourer's son, arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, OCTOBER 6

In a suspected case of "honour killing", Solapur police have arrested a man and his wife for allegedly killing their daughter for marrying a farm labourer's son.

The incident took place in Mangalvedha Taluka of Solapur district early on Friday.

Twenty two-year-old Anuradha Vitthal Birajdar was a medical student, police said. Her uncle, Balsahab Mhamane, has lodged the complaint in this case at the Mangalvedha police station, following which police arrested Anuradha's father, Vitthal Dhondiba Birajdar (55), and step-mother, Shridevi (43), on Friday night.

Vitthal and Shridevi were produced before a court in

Solapur on Saturday, police said. The court has remanded them to police custody till October 10 for further investigation.

According to police, the farm labourer's son, a native of Karnataka, was working on Vitthal's farm land when Anuradha met him and eventually fell in love with him.

Anuradha, a student of BAMS at a college in Sindgi, married the youth. The couple also visited several religious places, before Anuradha rejoined her college, police said.

According to police, soon after Vitthal came to know about the marriage, he rushed to Sindgi and left Anuradha at uncle's house in Borale. He was reportedly expressed his displeasure over the union before leaving Borale.

Vitthal again went to Borale on October 4, police said. He allegedly

took Anuradha with him in a car.

Vitthal allegedly had told her that he was taking her back for her oral examination at the college.

On October 5 morning, Vitthal reportedly called Mhamane and said Anuradha has died and they have also cremated her.

As per the FIR, lodged by Mhamane, Vitthal and Shridevi took Anuradha to their farm early on October 5, where they allegedly killed her and then cremated her in a hurry to destroy evidence.

A police team, led by Assistant Commissioner of Police, Vaibhav Markad, arrested Vitthal and Shridevi on charges of murder.

Police have also received two letters, purportedly written by Anuradha a couple of days before her death, in which she had allegedly claimed that her parents were harassing her.



TOMY IS BACK

Commander Abhilash Tomy, who was under medical observation at Ile Amsterdam after sustaining grievous injuries while participating in the Golden Globe Race, was brought to Visakhapatnam safely on Saturday. He has been shifted to INHS Kalyani. PIB

SOHRABUDDIN-PRAJAPATI ENCOUNTER CASES

CBI officer told to falsely implicate Shah in both cases: lawyer to court

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

A DEFENCE advocate, while cross-examining a CBI officer before a special court on Saturday, claimed that the officer was tasked with falsely implicating BJP president Amit Shah in the Sohrabuddin Shaikh and Tulsiram Prajapati alleged fake encounters cases of 2005-2006. The question was disallowed by the court as Shah has been discharged from the case in 2014.

Senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani, representing Gujarat policeman M L Parmar, told then CBI deputy superintendent D S Dagar that he was given two "jobs" to do as part of his probe. "You were told to falsely implicate Amit Shah," Jethmalani said.

In reply, Special Judge S J

Sharma asked Jethmalani if the question was connected to the accused he was representing. "How is this connected to your client? This recording of evidence is not about those who are discharged. If I find any evidence against the discharged accused, I will send notices and summon them. Restrict your questions to your client," he told Jethmalani.

Jethmalani, however, went ahead cross-examining Dagar on the "second job". He said that Dagar was asked to "add" Tulsiram to the bus with Sohrabuddin and his wife Kausarbi so that it could be claimed that the three were abducted from a bus. Dagar, however, denied the claim.

Shah, who was the minister of state (home) in Gujarat at the time of the alleged encounters, was initially named as one of the 38 ac-

cused in the case. While Shah, along with 15 others, were discharged, 22 are facing trial.

Earlier, in his examination-in-chief by Special Public Prosecutor B P Raju, Dagar said he had recorded the statements of witnesses, including Sohrabuddin's three brothers. Among the other documents, Dagar mentioned recovery memorandum he had made on May 22, 2010, at the instance of then accused N K Amin (discharged in 2016) while he was in police custody. These included a voice recorder and a pen drive, containing a conversation between Amin and current accused N L Chauhan. The conversation, which Amin claimed to have had with Chauhan, was about the alleged involvement of discharged accused, including Shah and police officers Abhay Chudasama and DG Vanzara.

STRIKE BY LAWYERS

Demand to lift ban fails to find favour with CJI

Justice Gogoi expresses concern over state of legal education

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

A DEMAND for lifting the ban on strikes by lawyers failed to find favour with Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, who wondered why advocates should go on strike at all.

"I don't think it is an issue at all. Why go into the legalities? Why should there be a strike? I am sure there won't be any," CJI Gogoi, who took over on October 3, said. He was addressing a felicitation organised for him by the Bar Council of India (BCI) on Saturday.

The Supreme Court had in 2002 ruled that lawyers have no right to go on strike or call for a boycott or token strike.

Speaking at the event on Saturday, BCI Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra referred to this and said "if the mouth of lawyers are shut, it will destroy the very democratic setup of the country". He added that the legal fraternity hoped the CJI "will restore our freedom".

The CJI's views found support in Justice Arun Mishra, who said lawyers' strikes can only be supported in "exceptional cases when the democracy is in danger" or for "saving the judicial system", but otherwise "it has no right to go on strike".



Why should there be a strike? I'm sure there won't be any: CJI Gogoi

Justice Mishra pointed to the difficulties litigants would have to face if lawyers keep away from courts.

CJI Gogoi also expressed concern over the percentage of undertrials in India's prison population. "Sixty-seven per cent of the prison population are undertrials, out of which 47 per cent are between the ages of 18 and 30," he said. "Out of this 67 per cent, 66 per cent belong to the Scheduled Caste and 71 per cent are below Class 10 and 28 per cent are illiterate."

The CJI also touched upon the issue of pendency of cases and said, "There is a feeling amongst all of us that the number of cases coming into courts are huge. It is huge because India

APPLE EXECUTIVE MURDER CASE

Amethi SHO sent to police lines for backing accused cop

Lucknow: The station house officer of the Jamon police station in Amethi was removed on grounds of indiscipline and sent to police lines for posting content on Facebook in protest against the arrest of constable Prashant Chaudhary, who allegedly shot dead Apple executive Vivek Tiwari in Lucknow last week. Amethi cyber cell has been

asked to scan the posts allegedly shared, written, uploaded by Gajendra Singh, the SHO. A departmental inquiry will also be initiated later, said senior officials.

"We are looking into the contents uploaded by Singh. No police official has the right to take law in his or her own hands. For now, he has been sent to police lines," Amethi SP Anurag Arya said. ENS

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- हरियाणा नगर निगम विज्ञापन उपनियम 2018 के अनुसार दुकान पर अपने बिजनेस की जानकारी देने हेतु विज्ञापन लगाने के लिए सरकार ने बूट दी है, इन उपनियमों के अनुसार अब हर दुकानदार अपनी दुकान की पूरी चौड़ाई व एक मीटर तक की ऊंचाई के बोर्ड अपनी दुकान का नाम, वहां पर किया जाने वाला व्यवसाय आदि की जानकारी लगा सकता है। नियमों अनुसार किसी भी बर्ड पाटी की मशहूरी किसी दुकानदार को करनी स्वीकार नहीं होगी, जैसे कि देखने में आया है, चाय वाली दुकान पर टेलीकॉम कंपनी की मशहूरी के बोर्ड आदि लगाते हैं।
- किसी भी मौल या कर्मशैल स्थापन सड़क से दिखने वाले एरिया का 10 प्रतिशत हिस्सा विज्ञापन के लिए प्रयोग कर सकते हैं, जिसके लिए नगर निगम सोनीपत द्वारा निर्धारित फीस के तहत विज्ञापन लगाने वाले इच्छुक व्यक्ति को अपने आपको नगर निगम सोनीपत में रजिस्टर्ड करवाना पड़ेगा और वह फीस प्रति लीन मीटर के हिसाब से अंशुल रूप से देय होगी।
- शहर की सुन्दरता के लिए कोई ग्रीन बेल्ट, रोड को मॉडियन रैलिंग आदि का रखरखाव करने में इच्छुक है तो आप नगर निगम से संपर्क कर सकते हैं। बिजली के खम्भे आदि पर विज्ञापन लगाने पर पूर्ण रूप से प्रतिबन्ध है।

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Day after Allahabad varsity students' poll results, four held for violence on campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 6

FOUR ALLAHABAD University students were arrested on Saturday following violence and arson inside two campus hostels in the early hours of the day, soon after the student union election results were announced.

According to police officials, the hostel room of newly-elected student union president Uday Prakash Yadav who is a member of the Samajwadi Chhatra Sabha (SCS) was set gutted and flames spread to around a dozen adjacent rooms. Around two to three motorcycles parked outside were also damaged and then set on fire.

Police said claimed that the arrested students had a past record of violence in the university.

In the elections, SCS won the posts of president and joint secretary, while Congress student wing National Student's Union of India (NSUI) won the vice-president and cultural secretary seats. The RSS-affiliate Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) won the general secretary seat.

While SCS leaders alleged that Uday's room was torched by ABVP members, police said the persons arrested had nothing to do with the ABVP.

"After the incident of early Saturday hours, the situation is now under control. We have deployed heavy police force and have arrested four people so far. An FIR has also been registered against 20 named and some unidentified others on the complaint of Uday. We are looking for others and are investigating the matter," said SP (city) Brijesh Kumar Srivastava.



Newly elected student union president's room was set on fire. PTI

On the incident, he said, "The election process went on smoothly but after the announcement of result the violence started. It is being alleged that supporters of the defeated president candidate (Atyendra) went to the room of winner Uday Prakash and in order to threaten him, set it ablaze. The fire spread and after destroying everything in the room, reached to other adjacent rooms. Soon after getting the information we reached the hostel. Fire tenders were also called and the fire was doused before it could do more harm."

Uday Prakash alleged that there was laxity from the side of the police and the incident took place because the ABVP faced a major defeat in the elections. ABVP, however, denied the allegation and in a statement claimed that those involved in the violence were personal supporters of different presidential candidates.

Kernalganj circle officer Alok Mishra said he has found that the four arrested did not belong to ABVP and had a history of being involved in violence on campus.

बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति, पटना

विज्ञप्ति संख्या - पी.आर. 265/2018

समिति के उपाध्यक्ष (Vice Chairman) पद हेतु सेवारत (Working) /सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के लिए वॉक-इन-इन्टरव्यू (Walk-in-interview) की सूचना

बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति, पटना में उपाध्यक्ष (Vice Chairman) पद हेतु दिनांक 22.10.2018 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से समिति मुख्यालय, सिन्हा लाइब्रेरी रोड, पटना-800017 में आयोजित Walk-in-interview में आमंत्रित किया जाता है:-

क्र० सं०	पद का नाम	कुल रिक्ति एवं आरक्षण कोटि	वांछित अनुभव / अर्हता	मानदेय
01	उपाध्यक्ष (Vice Chairman)	01-GEN	1. किसी राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार अथवा बिहार सरकार में सेवारत (Working) राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी (प्रतिनियुक्ति द्वारा) अथवा किसी राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार अथवा बिहार सरकार से सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी 2. All India Services (अखिल भारतीय सेवाएँ) यथा- IAS, IPS, IFS अथवा Central Services, Group (A) केन्द्रीय सेवाएँ (समूह 'क') यथा- IRS-IT, IRS-C&CE, IRTS, IRPS, IRAS, IAAS, IIS एवं अन्य Group (A) सेवाएँ के पदाधिकारी को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी।	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारियों के मामले में-उनके अपने वैतुक विभाग में प्राप्त अंतिम वेतन के आधार पर वेतन का मुगलान किया जायेगा। सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारियों के मामले में-मानदेय के रूप में उनका अंतिम प्राप्त वेतन में से पेंशन की राशि घटा कर शेष राशि देय होगी।
2	उपयुक्त पद पर सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के लिए		1. उपयुक्त पद पर सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के मामले में नियमित नियुक्ति होने तक अथवा दो वर्ष की अवधि के लिए (जो पहले हो) सविदा पर नियोजन किया जायेगा। बाद में राज्य सरकार की अनुमति प्राप्त होने पर इस अवधि को बढ़ाया जा सकता है। (ii) सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के मामले में प्रथम बार अनुबन्ध की अवधि ग्यारह माह की होगी। तत्पश्चात् संतोषप्रद सेवा होने पर एवं आवश्यकतानुसार अवधि विस्तार किया जायेगा। (iii) सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) अभ्यर्थियों के लिए नियोजन हेतु अधिकतम उम्र 65 वर्ष होगी। 5. आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप, अनुभव, अर्हता एवं अन्य जानकारीयाँ बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति के विभागीय वेबसाइट http://biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in एवं http://biharboardonline.com से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। 6. उपाध्यक्ष को कार्यालय आने-जाने के लिए वाहन की सुविधा दी जायेगी।	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारियों के मामले में-उनके अपने वैतुक विभाग में प्राप्त अंतिम वेतन के आधार पर वेतन का मुगलान किया जायेगा। सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारियों के मामले में-मानदेय के रूप में उनका अंतिम प्राप्त वेतन में से पेंशन की राशि घटा कर शेष राशि देय होगी।

सचिव

बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति, पटना

विज्ञप्ति संख्या - पी.आर. 264/2018

समिति के विभिन्न पदों हेतु सेवारत (Working) /सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के लिए वॉक-इन-इन्टरव्यू (Walk-in-interview) की सूचना

बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति, पटना में निम्नलिखित पदों हेतु दिनांक 22.10.2018 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से समिति मुख्यालय, सिन्हा लाइब्रेरी रोड, पटना-800017 में आयोजित Walk-in-interview में आमंत्रित किया जाता है:-

क्र० सं०	पद का नाम	कुल रिक्ति एवं आरक्षण कोटि	वांछित अनुभव / अर्हता	मानदेय
01	संयुक्त सचिव, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय	01-GEN	किसी राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार में	सेवारत (Working)
02	संयुक्त सचिव, OFSS	01-GEN	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी	पदाधिकारियों के मामले में उनके अपने वैतुक विभाग में प्राप्त अंतिम वेतन के आधार पर वेतन का मुगलान किया जायेगा।
03	उप परीक्षा नियंत्रक, माध्यमिक	01-GEN	अथवा	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
04	उप परीक्षा नियंत्रक, उच्च माध्यमिक	01-GEN	अथवा	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
05	उप परीक्षा नियंत्रक, विधि	01-GEN	किसी राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
06	विशेष कार्य पदाधिकारी	01-GEN	अथवा किसी राज्य सरकार से अथवा राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार के किसी संस्थान के सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
07	उप सचिव, OFSS	01-GEN	अथवा	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
08	सहायक सचिव, सम्बद्धता एवं अनुदान	01-GEN	केन्द्र अथवा किसी राज्य सरकार की	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
09	सहायक सचिव, शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण	01-GEN	परीक्षा समिति (Examination Board) के सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
10	सहायक सचिव, OFSS	01-GEN	केन्द्र अथवा किसी राज्य सरकार की	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
11	सहायक सचिव	01-SC	परीक्षा समिति (Examination Board) के सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
12	प्रशाखा पदाधिकारी, OFSS	01-GEN	केन्द्र अथवा किसी राज्य सरकार की	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी
13	प्रशाखा पदाधिकारी	08 (04-GEN, 01-BC, 01-SC, 02-EBC)	केन्द्र अथवा किसी राज्य सरकार की	सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी

2. उपयुक्त के संकेत में इच्छुक सेवारत (Working) अथवा सेवानिवृत्त पदाधिकारी (Retired), बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति (माध्यमिक प्रभाग), सिन्हा लाइब्रेरी रोड, पटना-800017 में दिनांक 22.10.2018 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से वॉक-इन-इन्टरव्यू (Walk-in-interview) में अपना बायो-डाटा / आवेदन पत्र एवं शैक्षणिक योग्यता संबंधी प्रमाण पत्रों की मूल एवं स्व-अभिप्रेमणित छायाप्रति के साथ उपस्थित होंगे।

3. सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी के लिए:-

(i) उपयुक्त पदों पर प्रतिनियुक्ति के मामले में केन्द्र सरकार / राज्य सरकार अथवा बिहार सरकार में सेवारत (Working) राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी को उनके वैतुक विभाग में प्राप्त होने वाला वेतन ही समिति द्वारा देय होगा। प्रतिनियुक्ति होने पर एक माह के अंदर अपने वैतुक विभाग से अनापति प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त कर समिति में समर्पित करना अनिवार्य होगा। विशेष परिस्थिति में यह अवधि बढ़ाई जा सकती है।

(ii) सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी (जो प्रतिनियुक्त होंगे) के मामले में आरक्षण रोल्टर लागू नहीं होगा।

(iii) उपयुक्त पद पर सेवारत (Working) पदाधिकारी के मामले में दो वर्ष की अवधि या नियमित नियुक्ति होने तक (जो पहले हो) प्रतिनियुक्ति की जायेगी। बाद में राज्य सरकार की अनुमति प्राप्त होने पर इस अवधि को बढ़ाया जा सकता है।

4. सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के लिए :-

(i) उपयुक्त पदों पर सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के मामले में नियमित नियुक्ति होने तक अथवा दो वर्ष की अवधि के लिए (जो पहले हो) सविदा पर नियोजन किया जायेगा। बाद में राज्य सरकार की अनुमति प्राप्त होने पर इस अवधि को बढ़ाया जा सकता है।

(ii) सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) पदाधिकारी के मामले में प्रथम बार अनुबन्ध की अवधि ग्यारह माह की होगी। तत्पश्चात् संतोषप्रद सेवा होने पर एवं आवश्यकतानुसार अवधि विस्तार किया जायेगा।

(iii) सेवानिवृत्त (Retired) अभ्यर्थियों के लिए नियोजन हेतु अधिकतम उम्र 65 वर्ष होगी।

5. आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप, अनुभव, अर्हता एवं अन्य जानकारीयाँ बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति के विभागीय वेबसाइट <http://biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in> एवं <http://biharboardonline.com> से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

6. उपाध्यक्ष को कार्यालय आने-जाने के लिए वाहन की सुविधा दी जायेगी, किन्तु यह अनिवार्य नहीं है।

सचिव

10 IDEA EXCHANGE

NEWSMAKERS IN THE NEWSROOM

‘Ultimately, goal is universal health coverage... where rich subsidise poor, healthy the ailing’

CEO of Ayushman Bharat Indu Bhushan says it is wrong to say the scheme will give funds to private sector unconditionally, says to not have Delhi on board was a “letdown”, assures the scheme has a strong IT backbone and won’t compromise on data privacy, and dismisses some calculations of the scheme’s expenditure

RAVISH TIWARI: Ayushman Bharat is an intervention based on demand and can also be read as a price assurance scheme for hospitals. Isn't that counterproductive? Instead of investing money in enhancing healthcare facilities, you are subsidising private players.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: Also, the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (a federation of civil society groups working on public health) recently said that the scheme is based on the discredited Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) model.

Well, what is wrong in providing resources to the private sector to ensure services for the poor? Either there is a model where we can ensure services to the poor through the public sector... it is being tried for the past 70 years. Now, even the poor will have the option of going to private healthcare providers. They can also access public healthcare facilities. People are going to private providers anyway and we are only providing these hospitals money if they cater to these people. We are not giving this money to the private sector unconditionally. The condition is that they serve the poor.

This scheme will also change the incentive structure. Right now the structure is such that services are provided to those who can afford it. That will change. More than 50 per cent of our private sector facilities are concentrated in the top 20 cities because that is where people have the paying capacity. It is not so in tier-2 and tier-3 cities; they do not have paying capacity. This scheme is trying to break that vicious circle by providing incentives to the private sector to expand their services to these areas which was not being done earlier because of the lack of business opportunities.

Even for the public sector it changes the incentive structure. For public sector facilities, (patients covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme) will be VIPs. They will bring money with them, which in turn can be used as incentives for doctors and other para-medical workers. It will also provide resources for upgrading infrastructure of public sector hospitals.

COOMI KAPOOR: There seems to be a contradiction in the whole scheme because your target group are dispossessed people in rural areas. The healthcare in these parts is very poor. So then, shouldn't the priority be to set up healthcare centres in rural areas before launching this scheme?

This scheme is not taking away from anything that the government has done in the past 70 years, and the work it is doing right now. If you look at the distribution of public health services, it's skewed in favour of rural areas. But the issue has been that these public services have not benefited the poor people because of the extreme inequities in terms of access to facilities. This scheme provides that access.

You are right, we need to strengthen public services outside of big cities such as Delhi and Mumbai. But, how do you do that? You can either do that by following the previous approach, where we provide services with the assumption that they will reach the people... which will not happen. Now, with this scheme, we are providing incentive and a huge market for the private sector.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: There are not enough private hospitals even in big cities outside of Delhi. Delhi is not part of your scheme and for thousands of people, Delhi is still the place to come to for healthcare.

To not have Delhi as part of the scheme has been a bit of a letdown. Lots of people who come to Delhi for health services live in areas around Delhi and they are a part of our scheme. For them not to have empanelled hospitals in Delhi will be a problem. To address that we have empanelled three major hospitals — AIIMS, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital. We are also looking at the possibility of empanelling other hospitals. There are more than 500 hospitals from Delhi that have shown a keen interest in the scheme. We are looking at various options to bring these hospitals on board. I am still hoping for Delhi to join the scheme.

One problem with Delhi has been the lack of communication with the political leadership. We have not been able to communicate with them directly. At the bureaucratic level, whenever we have spoken to the chief secretary or the health secretary, they have shown a willingness to join. They send an offer, we make changes and it goes back but then it never comes back. We don't know why that is the case.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: Government hospitals give services for free. There is a registration fee of Rs 5 or 10; that's



Ayushman Bharat CEO Indu Bhushan with Senior Assistant Editor Abantika Ghosh in *The Indian Express* newsroom. Abhinav Saha

WHY INDU BHUSHAN

Launched on September 23, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, the largest government health insurance initiative in the world, entitles 10.74 crore families to an annual health cover of Rs 5 lakh. A former Rajasthan-cadre IAS officer, Bhushan was appointed the CEO of PMJAY and the

National Health Agency in March this year and has been at the centre of the implementation of the ambitious project since. Before this, Bhushan, who holds a Master's in Health Sciences from Johns Hopkins University, has worked with Asian Development Bank and World Bank in his 35-year-long career



all. What are they being paid under the scheme?

At most places government services are free, but not all services are free. In many cases you still have to pay for implants and things that have to be bought from outside. This scheme will ensure a few things in the public sector. One is that it will be completely free. So excuses such as we have run out of medicines or implants or other things that have to be bought from outside, will cease to exist. That is because it is all paid for under the scheme. Secondly, public hospitals usually do not have facilities such as diagnostics, MRI etc. The Ayushman Bharat scheme allows them to have public-private partnership and they can use the money they are receiving from us to get some of these facilities on contract.

RAVISH TIWARI: A lot of consumers of this service are people using insurance for the first time. Even people in urban areas struggle with it. You need a huge IT backbone to ensure that things run smoothly. How are you dealing with it in remote areas where Internet connectivity is poor and hospitals do not have good IT infrastructure?

We are facilitating this through a strong IT backbone. All the empanelled hospitals are connected to this IT backbone. It came as a pleasant surprise to me that most of the district and private hospitals didn't have any connectivity issue. I think this is part of the change that has happened in India in the past few years.

There are some districts in the Northeast that have a connectivity problem. We have offline modules for them. But 99 per cent of the hospitals, or even more, do not have a connectivity problem. The IT system is working very well even in remote areas of Chhattisgarh.

Also, fortunately, only few states have opted for the insurance model — where an insurance company has to come in and provide cover. In most states, especially in bigger and poorer states, we are following the 'trust model', where the government is paying for the claims, and so far there have been no problems.

We have actually benefited from the previous Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY, launched in 2008), which was piloted in many states... Almost all states had some experience with the RSBY. That has helped in terms of improving understanding of how demand-side financing works.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: In the first few meetings with you, insurance companies had said that the premium amount was too low. So then why are so many states opting for the trust model? Is it because insurance companies are unwilling to come on board?

Not at all. Actually, insurance companies were never willing or unwilling to come on board. We had not specified any insurance premium. We had said that the premium will be discovered through market forces and through open bidding. And we had seen a huge variance in terms of premium quoted. For example, Nagaland said Rs 444 per family whereas some states quoted Rs 1,600.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: J&K and Puducherry have opted for the insurance model. What is the premium there?

J&K has Rs 775 per family and Puducherry, I think, has not opened the bid yet. We had not even specified Rs 775, it was decided through open bidding.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: Now that the scheme has been rolled out, do we have a realistic estimate of the cost? What about claims by development economist Jean Drèze, who has pegged the annual cost of the scheme at Rs 50,000 crore?

He (Drèze) based his calculation on the assumption that every family uses 1 per cent of their Rs 5 lakh quota in a year. That is when the annual expenditure will come to Rs 50,000 crore. Now, this 1 per cent is just a number that he assumed; if it's 2 per cent, then the cost will probably be Rs 1,00,000 crore.

A better way of looking at it would be through a study of the healthcare-seeking behaviour at the moment or what has

been the premium discovered through the market. If you look at the healthcare-seeking behaviour right now, you will see that in the bottom 20 per cent, the hospitalisation rate is 2 per cent... and so about one crore people are hospitalised every year. The expense of one hospitalisation is anywhere between Rs 8,000-Rs 10,000. So then, the annual expenditure would be about Rs 10,000 crore.

But, of course, as the scheme becomes more mainstream, we expect the 2 per cent to increase to 3-4 per cent. It will take some time. When it increases to 4 per cent, the expenditure too will increase to Rs 20,000 crore. So our initial estimate is about Rs 10,000 crore (annually) or slightly more than that.

PRASANTA SAHU: Chhattisgarh has opted for the 'hybrid' model, where payments till Rs 50,000 per annum will be made through insurance companies, and higher payments up to Rs 5 lakh will be administered by the government-run trust.

Chhattisgarh has a very good scheme running right now. It has been going on for a long time and that is what we expect with Ayushman Bharat as well. (In the future) the hospitalisation rate will go up and people instead of coming later, will come to hospitals earlier. Right now, a large proportion of our hospitalisation comes from states. In Chhattisgarh, people know about the scheme and come in large numbers for hospitalisation. That is not the case in UP, Bihar or Madhya Pradesh. In these states, such a scheme is being implemented for the first time.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: Of the 31 states and Union territories under the scheme, how many have opted for the trust model, hybrid model and insurance model?

Eighteen have opted for the trust model, seven for insurance model and the remaining for the hybrid model.

RAVISH TIWARI: Have you figured out why a majority of the states have opted for the trust model, because in the long term, it will have a fiscal bearing on states?

In terms of the fiscal impact and outflow of funds, it does not really matter whether you are doing it through trust model or insurance mode, because you will also pay for the administrative costs. The insurance company will bring in efficiency and that will reduce some of the expenses. If you look around the world, everywhere, with the exception of countries such as Columbia or Mexico, most insurance is implemented through trust. So why have states opted for the trust



model? It was a surprise for me as well. Initially, when we were holding discussions with states, most of them had schemes running on the insurance model. But, there were also states such as Andhra Pradesh and Telangana which had the trust model and were doing pretty well. These states realised that trust provides more flexibility. In the insurance model, once you have decided on a package, you get into a contract with the company and that cannot be changed. That in turn has implications on cost.

ANOOB PHILIP: The success of any scheme depends on data. There is gross under-reporting of illness in the country. Does the government expect an explosion in demand in the future?

I am 100 per cent sure that there will be an explosion in demand. If you see the data, you will find an ironic inverse correlation between health and the proportion of people who are ailing. They are reporting it better. In states with high IMR you will find that reported sickness is very low. With this scheme we hope to see a reversal of this trend.

We are connecting the whole country through our IT backbone. It will help us identify disease patterns. It can also have a good impact on public policy. For example, if we find that anaemia is prevalent in a certain belt, we can make a public policy intervention there.

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M: Comparing the Capital's healthcare scheme to Ayushman Bharat, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that not more than six lakh families, out of the 50 lakh in the city, will benefit if the Ayushman Bharat scheme is implemented in Delhi. He also said that Ayushman Bharat is 'not at all a universal scheme'.

There are many states that have their own schemes and we have found a way to converge with them. In Jharkhand, for example, we are supporting around 27 lakh families, whereas the total number of families covered is more than 50 lakh. This doesn't mean that we are not adding value.

A lot of people come to Delhi for healthcare services. Hospitals make profits by cheating people who come from outside. This scheme will be of help to them. Right now, the scheme in Delhi will not help people who are coming from outside. Also, people from Delhi go outside. These people won't have access to services if Delhi is not part of our scheme. So, there is the portability advantage.

Six lakh may be a small number, but it will ensure that these people have access to resources. Yesterday, I read that Delhi is foregoing around Rs 15 crore every year by not joining the scheme. In addition, the hospitals in Delhi are giving up a lot of income that they would have generated by treating patients from outside Delhi.

Of course, universal healthcare coverage is the goal and everyone should be covered. This is just the beginning.

Ultimately, we have to have a universal coverage where we can ensure that rich people subsidise poor people, healthy people subsidise unhealthy people, and young people subsidise the elderly. That kind of a social compact will only come when we have universal health coverage. And this scheme is a huge leap towards that goal.

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M: People have to get hospitalised to access the Ayushman Bharat scheme. And the model is such that doctors will now urge patients to get hospitalised, even for small treatments. In top government hospitals, the IPD (In Patient Department) occupancy rates stand at 150 per cent. So how do you plan to handle that?

While hospitalisation is needed for seeking benefits, there are also certain packages where daycare is available. But yes, there might be perverse incentive here — pushing people to get hospitalised — and we would count that to be borderline fraud. If not fraud, then abuse for sure.

RAVISH TIWARI: You said that the scheme will also help detect emerging public health situations in the country. But for that you need to have more data, which means that the system will be capturing more data. You will be recording the patient's transaction, services provided to her and the ailment she is seeking treatment for. Isn't that a breach of privacy?

We are dealing with very sensitive information — health records, Aadhaar data etc. We have to be extremely careful and follow the highest standards of maintaining privacy and security. We are the first programme under the Ministry of Health which has its own policy for privacy and security and we follow the best international practices. We will ensure that all the data is received in a transparent manner and is then stored and used carefully. We will also ensure that the data we don't need is destroyed or not stored and that no one gets access to it without the consent of the patient.

Also, we will not be sharing this data with anyone outside the country without a specific reason.

PRASANTA SAHU: Why is it taking so much time to identify the beneficiaries of the scheme?

I don't think it has taken very long. We have identified more than 10 crore families. Since the launch, our website has had over 12 lakh hits each day.

ABANTIKA GHOSH: For over two decades, there has been talk about increasing the country's health spend to 2.5 per cent of the GDP. When do you think that will happen?

I hope it happens by 2025. The challenge has been that (our population) has been growing by 6-8 per cent. So even if we increase the health budget by say 6-8 per cent, it will still remain the same because we are growing. So, to go from 1.2 to 2.5 per cent, the budget of our health sector needs to grow by 20 per cent.

Also, more than the health budget, it's about 'absorptive capacity'. It is not just about a large budget but whether we can absorb it. That probably has been one of our challenges.

11 SUNDAY STORY



THE LESSER FORCE

A spate of resignations by Special Police Officers, triggered by militants specifically targeting them for the first time, has left an uneasy calm in the Valley as civic polls begin tomorrow. BASHAARAT MASOOD on a force that is battling on multiple fronts — poor pay and esteem, and now, fear



Mother, son of SPO Mohammed Yousuf, who was killed in March. Shuaib Masoodi

HE WORKS at a saw mill in south Kashmir's Tral, carrying logs from morning till evening. A month ago, he was a Special Police Officer (SPO) with the J&K Police. He quit his job, he says, after militant threats and a failed attempt on the life of an SPO in his village. Now he wants to hide; he doesn't want his name out or his face seen. With militants leaving eight SPOs dead in Kashmir this year, he wants to be forgotten for a while.

"Nothing is more precious than life," the 32-year-old says. "I didn't want to live in fear. I didn't want any harm to my family."

Contractual employees who, till a few days ago, earned a paltry Rs 6,000 a month, the ill-paid, ill-trained SPOs form the unacknowledged backbone of the police force in the Valley. For the first time, the 30,000 men and women — bolstering a police force with duties ranging from fighting terrorism to maintaining law and order, and stretched at a strength of 90,000 — are being targeted specifically by militants. With at least four of the eight who died shot inside their homes in South Kashmir, there have been more than 30 public resignations, and reports of at least three joining militant ranks.

On October 1, one of these SPOs, who had decamped with eight weapons from the official residence of a PDP MLA, emerged on social media posing next to Hizbul Mujahideen militants.

While the authorities continue to deny this, there have been reports of SPOs resigning especially from the four violence-prone districts of South Kashmir — Shopian, Pulwama, Kulgam and Anantnag.

A rattled Centre, which is attempting to organise panchayat and civic elections in the Valley from October 8, has announced a hike in the honorarium — from Rs 6,000 to Rs 12,000 — for SPOs who had spent more than five years in the force. The salary of a constable, the lowest-ranked policeman, in comparison, is Rs 23,000.

The J&K Police recently held a crowd-funding campaign for over 500 SPOs killed in counter-insurgency operations and militant attacks since 1996. All that the campaign managed to generate was Rs 6.54 lakh.



The Jammu and Kashmir Police Act says an SPO may be appointed "when it shall appear that any unlawful assembly or riot or disturbance of peace has taken place or may be reasonably apprehended and that the police force ordinarily employed for preserving the peace is not sufficient...."

It was in 1996, during the reign of the Farooq Abdullah-led National Conference, that the government first appointed SPOs to deal with militancy. Offered Rs 3,000 a month, they were to be absorbed into the police force after three years, provided they showed "excellent performance" in counter-insurgency operations.

Unlike regular policemen, the salary of SPOs comes from the Union Home Ministry's Security Related Expenditure. It is the ministry that takes a call on any changes to this remuneration, with the state government having little say in it.

Initially, the SPOs were appointed directly by superintendents of police without any screening. In 2016, in the wake of the protests triggered by Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani's killing, the Union Home Ministry announced that 10,000 SPOs would be recruited through District Level Screening Committees headed by respective deputy commissioners.

Any man or woman between the ages of 18 and 28 is eligible to apply. The candidate should have passed Class 10 and needs to clear physical tests conducted by the recruiting body. While the men have to run 1,600 metres in no more than 6 minutes and 15

seconds, women candidates must complete at least 1,000 metres in that time.

While male SPOs are involved in both counter-insurgency and law and order duties, women SPOs are deployed for law and order and hence have not been attacked by militants so far. However, of late, militants have issued threats to women SPOs too, asking them to resign from their jobs, with at least one putting in her papers.

Unlike now, for many years, the only attack on SPOs was the ridicule they faced during anti-government protests, including taunts from protesters on the meagre compensation they got for the job they did: "Panda shath ti bati (Rs 1,500 and rice)".

Ironically, it is the mention of the clause "excellent performance in counter-insurgency operations" in their service rules that has landed SPOs in the cross-hairs of militants. They are being targeted for being "the primary source of intelligence collection" for police. Police officials claim to have intercepted a militant communication from across the border seeking that SPOs absorbed into the regular police force and promoted as constables be targeted.

For the militants, the SPOs are not just "obvious" but also soft targets. A senior police officer admits an SPO is 'special' only in name. While at the forefront of counter-insurgency operations, they don't even get proper training, he says. "They get a basic seven-day training, only on how to wear a uniform and how to salute officers. Those in counter-insurgency operations get another short course on weapon handling. It is not even a basic course in weapons' training."

Only those SPOs involved in counter-insurgency are armed, others don't get any weapons. Says a police officer, "They don't have weapons and are not trained. That's why they are becoming targets." However,

he also sees it another way: "The fact that they are targeting SPOs shows that the capability of militants to strike has been reduced to a great level."



At the same time, with militancy seeing an uptick, the role of SPOs in counter-insurgency has been increasing. While police officials say less than 1,500 are involved in actual operations, in 2017, the government said in the state Assembly that of the 10,000 SPOs recruited after the killing of Wani, 4,200 had been kept "as operation reserve to meet any emergency or demand arising out of the law and order problem and other issues, particularly related to cross-border terrorism, after assessing the ground requirement of a particular area".

For involvement in these operations, the benefits to SPOs are few. While a regular police personnel gets Rs 48 lakh as post-death benefit if he or she is killed in a counter-insurgency operation or in a militant attack, an SPO is entitled to one-third that — a mere Rs 14.5 lakh. In addition, an SPO, like a regular policeman, gets Rs 15 lakh from the police welfare fund.

Besides, SPOs admit, they can't be sure of a promotion either. An apocryphal story in police circles concerns an incident from some years ago when a group of SPOs were absorbed as regular police officers for "exemplary courage". The then director general of police, impressed by the "valour" of one of them, asked him for details of how he had killed a militant. The flummoxed SPO blurted out that he had not been part of the operation, that he was posted "at the SP (Superintendent of Police) *sahib's* home".

SPOs say it is open secret that promotions depend on "proximity to police officers".

SPO NUMBERS

Total in J&K

30,001

Killed since 1996

500

Policemen, including SPOs, killed

1,532

SPOs killed this year

8

MONTHLY SALARY OF AN SPO

(as per salary revision on 26-09-2018)

Less than 5 yrs in job:

Rs 6,000

5 to 15 yrs:

Rs 9,000

More than 15 yrs:

Rs 12,000

PROMOTION POLICY

At the time of promotion, if an SPO is younger than 37 and clears the physical tests for police, he is promoted as constable. If he fails the age limit, he is promoted as 'follower', and appointed as barber, cook etc. Officially, only those SPOs are promoted who have an "excellent record" in counter insurgency operations

SELECTION PROCESS

The SPOs were earlier appointed directly by respective SPs without any screening. The process was then changed to appointment through deputy commissioners. In 2016, when the Union Home Ministry announced that 10,000 SPOs were to be recruited, District Level Screening Committees headed by respective deputy commissioners were formed and the SPOs now go through a proper recruitment process

There are several instances of SPOs posted as cooks and auxiliary staff at residences of officers being promoted as constables.

For 20 years, Iqbal's father Mohammad Yousuf was an SPO. In March this year, Yousuf was killed in a gunbattle with militants in Kupwara, along with three other security personnel. Five militants died in the encounter. Says an angry Iqbal, "The government promises to regularise SPOs after three years if they take part in operations against militants, but they are always ignored."

The family had to run around even for compensation, Iqbal adds. "Nobody in police was of any help. The DG *sahib* (DGP) himself came but nothing happened... Who will join as an SPO when they don't take care of their martyrs?"



A cluster of villages in Tral's Pulwama district were the first to see public resignation by SPOs. In a letter sent to the imams of their local Jamia Masjid, over a dozen SPOs of Pastoona and Luraw Jageer villages said they were quitting.

In a video message, an SPO said, "I am Mukhtar Ahmad Lone... We are getting threats. I am told by my family that I should resign because the situation is not good. I am resigning. I have got an affidavit as a proof."

In a similar, brief video message, woman SPO Rafeeq Akhtar from Kulgam announced her resignation, after 15 years of service. Both refused to speak to *The Sunday Express*.

Despite the resignations, or perhaps spurred by them, militant attacks on SPOs have continued. Photos have also been circulated of some, with their addresses, asking them to resign or face death.

On September 21, officials snapped mobile Internet in South Kashmir for two weeks to contain the spread of the videos and photos. "We feared that the (video) resignations would trigger a cycle of resignations," admits a police officer.

An SPO from Pulwama posted in Awantipora regrets that they are dying just for doing their duty. "It is not just the militants who are after us. The villagers also look at us with indignation. I often think of leaving this job and taking up something else. But I keep working in the hope that I will be regularised one day."

Still, the 27-year-old fears he won't hang on to his job for long. "The situation in our village (in Shopian) is volatile," he says.

The family owns a fruit business. "We are well off, we don't need this job," says his mother.

The chief spokesperson of the PDP, which ruled the state till recently, admits that successive governments have ignored SPOs. Says Rafi Ahmad Mir, "We acknowledge that nothing substantial has been done for them. But when we were in power with the BJP, we wrote to the Home Ministry for their regularisation."

National Conference general secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar claims they had approached the Centre when the NC was in power, seeking an increase in the salary of SPOs. "The need is to bring the force on a par with regular policemen."

But militants are not the only problem of SPOs. Increasingly, they say, police, operating in tense times and wary about SPOs joining militants, have stopped trusting them. There have been accusations of political interference in the appointment of SPOs too. In July this year, the J&K government ordered the screening of SPOs appointed over the past six years to "weed out undeserving and unsuitable" SPOs.

"We are nobody's men," says an SPO from Tral posted in Srinagar.

The SPO from Tral who quit recently says the fear doesn't go away. "Earlier, I feared only the militants. Now that I have resigned, I fear police will turn against me".

THE EIGHT WHO DIED THIS YEAR

KULWANT SINGH, 43

Two weeks ago, Singh and two other policemen were abducted by suspected militants from their homes and killed. Survived by his wife, two children, and parents, Singh was a resident of Batagund, Shopian. An SPO since 1998, he was posted in Kulgam. Singh's mother Pushpa says she had been under the impression that her son had quit as SPO and was running the family's garment shop in Kulgam.

MOHAMMED ASHRAF MIR, 43

On March 31, Mir, who had been posted in Srinagar for the last 12 years, had gone to his village Masputa, in South Kashmir's Pulwama, when he was killed by suspected militants. Mir is survived by his wife and two daughters. His brother Wali Mohammed Mir says that despite Mir's name being recommended for absorption into the police force, he hadn't been promoted in around 15 years.

ADIL MANZOOR BHAT, 21

A resident of Zawoora in Shopian, Bhat was killed in August when militants attacked the escort vehicle of the DSP in Shopian. Survived by his parents and two siblings, Bhat had been working as an SPO for nearly three years. "We have no earning member now. My husband has a back problem and stopped working some years ago," says his mother Ruqaya Jan.

MOHAMMED YOUSUF, 45

A resident of Kachama in Kupwara, Yusuf was among the five security personnel who died in an encounter with militants near the LoC in Kupwara in March. He had been working as an SPO for more than 15 years.

ASHIQ HUSSAIN MALIK, 25

Associated with the Special Operations Group, Malik was killed during an encounter at Khiram in Srigufwara, South Kashmir, on June 22. The son of a farmer in Shangus, South Kashmir, he is survived by his parents and two siblings. "We have got no compensation so far," says his brother Bilal Ahmad Malik, a graduate who is unemployed.

BILAL AHMAD SHAH, 25

Bilal was killed in May when militants attacked a police vehicle at Bijbehra in South Kashmir. A resident of Gani Gund Verinag in Anantnag, he is survived by his parents, grandmother and a sister. His father works as a labourer. "He had been working as an SPO for three years. He died on duty, but the government has not done anything for the family," says his sister Quosar Abbas Shah.

AQIB WAGAY, 23

Aqib was shot at by suspected militants in South Kashmir's Puchal village in May. A resident of Panzgam in Pulwama, Wagay is survived by his two brothers, sister and parents. He had been working as an SPO for nearly three years and was posted in a railway station in South Kashmir.

MUSHTAQ AHMAD SHEIKH

Sheikh was shot inside his home at Katsoo village in Bijbehara, Anantnag, in March. His wife Fareeda sustained bullet injuries. He is survived by his mother, wife, and two children.

ADIL AKHZER

Preeti Devi, one of two women candidates in the evening shift at the Noida centre; (far right) Lal flips through his well-thumbed copy of 'Arihant Railway Exam Group D — Solved Papers' before the exam



The Railways is hiring for 1.2 lakh jobs, and applications are flooding in from across the country. This is nearly 20 years after a call had been taken to cut staff numbers. AVISHEK G DASTIDAR on a hiring exercise that began with a government on backfoot over safety, and will end in time for the next elections

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ONE OF THE world's largest employers, India's largest employer, holding "the world's largest recruitment drive", at a cost of around Rs 800 crore to sift through 2.37 crore applicants, to hire 1.2 lakh.

Nothing about the ongoing drive by the Indian Railways to fill up vacancies is small. For the second time in almost two years, the national transporter is hiring to fill up vacancies on a large scale, from assistant loco pilots and technicians to gangmen and trackmen.

So that more and more could apply, an earlier decision requiring applicants for Group D to have an ITI (Industrial Training Institute) certificate along with education up to at least till Class X has been reversed. Besides, the age limit, that was earlier 28 years for assistant loco pilots and technicians and 31 years for Group D, has been increased by two years. Announcing the changes last year, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal had said making ITI a must excluded a huge number of aspirants, which was "unfair".

"We need to fill up existing vacancies in the safety category posts. Our services have increased manifold, so has the pressure on the system for maintenance. This massive recruitment drive is crucial in that respect," says Chairman, Railway Board, Ashwani Lohani.

Both Goyal and Lohani took charge last year following a spate of derailments, resulting in deaths. The one accident immediately before the shake-up was the derailment of the Kalinga Utkal Express at Khatauli, Uttar Pradesh, blamed on negligence of railway staff, that killed 23 and injured 156. Every accident in the Railways usually brings to light its thousands of vacancies, ranging from trackmen to loco pilots.

The new dispensation of Lohani and Goyal was hence under added pressure to improve the patchy Railway safety record. The decision to fill the backlog of safety-category vacancies was taken immediately after they took charge, in September 2017. The current recruitment is filling up vacancies accumulated over the past four years, especially in Group D categories.

However, the past few years the Railways has been in two minds over whether to fill up these vacancies, and by how much. And for good reason.

While the recruitment drive may set a global record, it will also set the fragile finances of the transporter back by an estimated Rs 4,000 crore per year in staff costs alone, apart from the Rs 800-odd crore cost of the recruitment process. After the 7th Central Pay Commission, the Railways staff cost for this financial year is around Rs 76,000 crore, up from around Rs 71,000 crore in the last fiscal.

Salaries are paid from revenue and the Railways is struggling to keep its Operating Ratio (money spent to earn every Rs 100, and hence the lower the better) under 100 per cent. It ended 2017-18 at 98.5 per cent, its worst-ever performance.

Around 45,000 people retire every year, but not all are needed to be replaced. In a day and age of increased mechanisation and computerisation of processes, organisations like a railway system may require less and less people to achieve the same productivity. To cut down overheads, government organisations also rely on outsourcing of jobs through service contracts, so that manpower costs do not weigh its finances down. The Railways is no different.

But officials say some manpower needs are organic and inescapable. "Even if there are machines, we need people to operate those machines. We need more and more loco pilots to run trains as our services are increasing. Over time, vacancies are increasing a lot. All this has a direct bearing on safety," says a Railway Board member.

For the Indian Railways, this is in a way

going back on its manpower management philosophy, committed to the government of the day in the late '90s. Following the implementation of the 5th Central Pay Commission, a Railway Board report to the government had ascertained that considering global trends in technology in railway systems, the manpower-heavy Indian Railways, with around 16 lakh on its rolls at the time, needed to become a leaner organisation to keep its finances in shape. Other railway systems were studied and it was found that China carried four times more freight over a significantly larger network but employed only around 8 lakh people.

The plan put in motion, approved by the government, was to gradually bring down the rail employee numbers to 14 lakh in five years and 12 lakh in 10 years. The ultimate goal was somewhere around 8 lakh, in phases. As a result, by 2009-10, the number of employees had fallen below 14 lakh. But then came Mamata Banerjee as railway minister under the UPA-II government. Much like the present NDA administration, Mamata too wanted to fill up safety-category vacancies, especially in Group D. The result was that 1.67 lakh vacancies were prepared to be filled.

In a country where a government job is many things rolled into one — security, a house, permanence for over 30 years in a person's life — there is much to desire about employment with the Central government. This is especially true at the lower levels, as Group D and C-equivalent jobs in the private sector are fraught with uncertainty and do not pay half as much. "A significant portion of the jobs created in the services sector over the past couple of decades have been in traditional low-value-added services, where informality and vulnerable forms of employment are often dominant," says the 2018 World Employment and Social Outlook Trends report of the International Labour Organisation.

The last recruitment drive by the Railways, held around February 2017, was also the world's largest at the time. It advertised for 18,252 posts of assistant station master, inquiry-cum-reservation clerk, traffic and commercial apprentices and junior accounts assistant, and received 92 lakh applications, of which 2.73 lakh qualified to take the test. That process, a fraction of the current jobs drive, had gone on for three days of examination in shifts.

This time, 440 exam centres in 116 cities have been seeing around 5 lakh take the computer test every exam day. In August, 47.56 lakh candidates from across India took the test for 26,502 vacancies in Group C category, including assistant loco pilots, technicians etc. The ongoing phase, for Group D posts, will go on till December, with 1.9 crore applying for 62,907 posts.

Like the last time, IT major Tata Consultancy Services has been roped in to design the computer tests. While the 21 Railway Recruitment Boards are conducting the exams in their jurisdictions, the Railway Ministry itself has for years had just a lone officer managing all the big and small recruitment drives. It is only recently that another officer was posted to supplement him.

After the tests, the Railways will disclose the answer key to each question paper. To check cheating, every question paper's sequence and thus answer key is different. Candidates will be shown their answer sheets and will have a chance to raise objections, to be adjudged by a committee of teachers. This process will take a month.

The successful candidates will next take a Physical Efficiency Test, which is expected to take another month or so, followed by a medical test and verification of documents that might take another couple of months. By the time new recruits are posted, it will be not earlier than May. Just in time for the next elections that the Modi government heads into, with its promise of jobs.



WORLD'S LARGEST RECRUITMENT DRIVE 2,37,00,000

'It appears the entire country is here'

They arrive 12 hours before exam, and take over footpaths, roads, even traffic police stalls. ANKITA DWIVEDI JOHRI spends a day at the largest exam centre where, as chances appear bleaker, hope must shine brighter

IN HIS black rexine bag, says Murari Lal, he has been carrying his world around for the past five years, making several stops along the way — most of them at examination centres. The contents include a *gamcha*, an umbrella, a mat, a folder with his BA and MA mark-sheets, a mobile charger and the admit card for the Group D Railway Recruitment Board Exam he will be taking in two hours.

There is another thing he carries to all exams, he says: "Unmeed (hope)", hope for a government job.

This time his halt is the footpath outside the swanky building of the Tata Consultancy Services iOD Digital Zone in Noida's Sector 62. It is the biggest exam centre for the "world's largest recruitment drive", being conducted by the Indian Railways.

Lal arrived the previous night, over 12 hours before his 4 pm test. "I don't know anyone in Delhi-NCR and so decided to wait on the footpath."

He has just stretched out on his mat to grab some rest when the second batch of candidates walks out after the 12.30 pm test. Hearing murmurs about the question paper being "very difficult", Lal decides to get up, "I should go over my notes and previous years' question papers again," he says, flipping through his well-thumbed copy of 'Arihant Railway Exam Group D — Solved Papers'.

Of the 2.37 crore people who applied for the exams this year, Lal is part of the largest chunk, 1.9 crore, vying for the 62,907 Group D posts — of cabinman, keyman, fitter, leverman, gangman, pointsman, porter, helper, switchman, trackman and welder.

Tests are held online in three shifts every day (9 am to 10.30 am; 12.30 pm to 2 pm; 4 pm to 5.30 pm). In every shift at this Noida centre, 3,450 have been taking the test — a 90-minute, multiple-choice paper, covering Maths, General Intelligence and Reasoning, Science and Current Affairs — since September 17, and will do so till December.

Anyone who has studied up to at least Class 10 is eligible. At 31, Lal, an SC category candidate, still has a few more chances left.



Vishal, 9, selling glue to candidates at the centre; Rs 5 for one-time use

But today, that is not much of a consolation. Looking at aspirants milling outside the TCS building, who have taken over roads, footpaths, even a traffic police stall, who ignore the slight drizzle to pore over their books, who take guilty breaks to watch YouTube videos on phones, or defiantly climb onto an elevated structure to take selfies, Lal says, "It appears the entire country is here."

Lal also understands why. A BA in Sociology, an MA in English, he says he started appearing for competitive exams in 2013, while taking tuitions and working off and on at a factory in Chandigarh. "In 2013, the UP Police exam I appeared for got cancelled after a paper leak. In 2016, I was on the waiting list for a government teacher's job, that didn't materialise. I didn't clear the previous railway exam either," he lists.

He wishes politicians focused on unemployment, instead of non-issues. "Hindustan

ka नेता दालाई है। Berozgar naujawan dhalke kha rahi hai" (Politicians just make money. Unemployed youth keep struggling.)

And wonders why, unlike last time, he didn't get a free pass to travel to the centre, issued by the Railways for SC/ST candidates. But Lal keeps going. Explaining why, the second of four brothers, all of them daily wage-ers, quotes poet Sohan Lal Dwivedi, "Lehron se dar kar nauka paar nahin hoti, koshish karne wala hi kabhi haar nahin hoti" (A boat can't cross the sea fearing the waves; one who works hard can't lose).

"I failed my BSc. What other job can I get?" says Jitesh Kumar, 18, occupying another portion of the footpath, which is a little wet from the drizzle.

Kumar says he couldn't focus on studies after his father's death last year. "He had a *samosa* cart, selling two for Rs 5. Now I do that," says the eldest of three siblings.

Kumar heard about the railway exam at the local cyber cafe near his native village in Baghpat, western Uttar Pradesh. "The *bhaiya* there informs us about government jobs," he says. With the cart only fetching about Rs 1,500 per month, the 18-year-old decided to venture out for his first trip to Noida.

Squinting his tired eyes, he says, "I came here yesterday and have been sitting outside since. The admit card says we have to be here a day in advance, but there are no arrangements, no toilets, no water... My exam is at 4 pm, still a few hours away."

The morning only left him more despondent, Kumar adds. "I didn't expect so many people, it seems very tough to crack this exam... Maybe I will try for an Army job... Several men in my village are in the Army."

Waiting near Kumar is Mohammad Farooq, 21, also from Baghpat, who says he has tried to get into the Army several times. Unlike Kumar, who couldn't afford coaching, Farooq, an MA student, has come fortified with three months of training at an "institute", paying Rs 5,000.



The fourth of five siblings, he adds, "At the institute, there were 50 students in my batch. It's a common preparatory course for the UP Police, Army, SSC (Short Service Commission) and railway exams."

The Army was Farooq's first choice as three of his brothers are in the force. A police exam he appeared for on September 18 got cancelled after a paper leak. Now he has made his peace with sitting for a Group D railway job. "I was very upset as I have a master's degree, but after speaking to people here, I realised there are others like me," he says.

Like Kumar, he is worried about the exam though. "Physical *achcha hai hamara*, *par hum UP ke ladke written mein reh jate hain* (Our physical test is good, but we UP men, we are defeated by the written exam)." But he hasn't really decided what to do if he gets in. "Become a trackman or a porter..."

As the faces change every night, for every coming day, some have become fixtures — for at least the exam season. At lunch time, the *litti-chokha* cart (spotting an opportunity given that most applicants are from eastern India), the *paratha* vendor and the *chola-kulcha* stall all do brisk business. Along with the meals, costing Rs 20 to Rs 50, they dish out free advice on where to get Aadhaar card printouts and take photos.

Hari Bans, an autorickshaw driver, offers rides to applicants to and from a local cyber cafe, for Rs 20. In 22 years of driving the auto, the 52-year-old says, "This is the first time I am doing this." Smiling, he adds, "I have already made 20 trips. The cyber cafe has given me Rs 200 as well."

At one of the 10 cyber cafes in the market a kilometre away, the owner, a young Avnish Kumar, angrily instructs one of the

applicants to not smile while his photograph is being taken. "The exam admit card clearly states the applicants need their original Aadhaar and one photograph. But these boys know nothing. I don't know what they will write in their exams. *phir bhagwan aur sarkaar ko dosh dene hain* (they blame God and the government then)," he says.

Back at the exam centre, Vishal, 9, along with other boys his age, goes around the waiting applicants with a glue stick. "Rs 5 to stick one photo on the admit card," Vishal informs, breaking into a smile.

The boys live in a nearby slum and don't go to school.

Right next to the centre's entrance, 24-year-old Pradeep Kumar has set up his shop — to keep bags of candidates. Standing between rows of numbered bags, he says, "Two years ago, I had appeared for the exam and lost two mobile phones. So this year I decided to help the candidates... The candidates are expected to come in advance; they will have their belongings with them," says the BCom graduate, who hails from Baghpat.

Pradeep charges Rs 50 to keep a bag. Plus plastic cover against the rain.

Those with lesser valuables and who find the charge too steep count on a tree outside the centre. From its branches hang belts, handkerchiefs, key chains.

Awaiting their turn, many hold conversations, about the rain, food, politics, and finally another thing they are convinced may prove a hurdle: reservation.

Standing amidst a group next to the board with names of candidates, Rahul Singh, 23, from Hardoi asks why the cut-off for SC/ST candidates is much lower. Another candidate, Kameshwar Singh, adds, "The age

(From top) Before the 4 pm test, over 3,000 move towards the entrance gate in a wave, holding on to their admit cards; expected to arrive 12 hours before the exam, most spend the night outside the Noida centre

limit for SC/ST candidates is also higher." Harish Chand, 21, a Dalit applicant from Dhanauri in Amroha, tries to argue, "I have two sisters and my father has been working as a daily wage, earning Rs 100 a day, for years. What is wrong if we get some concession?" But Rahul dismisses this, "We are poor too! *Mazdoori keval aap nahin karte* (You are not the only one doing manual labour)."

Before the conversation can become heated, comes the guard's announcement — entry for the evening shift has begun.

As the crowd moves in a wave towards the entrance gate, Preeti Devi, 21, stands in a corner, holding her husband's hand. Dressed in a blue sari with golden trimmings, her head covered, the BSc Agriculture graduate takes out her admit card and Aadhaar card. When asked what post she is hoping for, she gestures to her husband to answer: "*Batao, bhaiya* (Say, say)," he suggests, then adds, "I hope she gets a helper's job at the ticketing centre. She won't take the other posts."

The couple from Shahjahanpur got married three months ago, and Kumar, who works as a ward boy at a hospital in Bareilly for Rs 7,000 per month, says he doesn't have a problem with a long-distance marriage. "She will get railway quarters and my mother can stay with her," he says, as Preeti nods. Umesh is trying for a railway job himself, and appeared for the Group C exam in August.

About how she prepared for the exam, Preeti says, "My in-laws were supportive. They said I could cook the meals in the morning and study in the evening." Umesh again steps in, "*Inka thoda computer weak hai*, but she has taken classes for that too."

Kusum Rani, 18, from Dhanaura, who has studied till Class 12, is the only other woman candidate in the evening shift. She sticks close to brother Ankush, 21, who took the exam a day ago, and lets him do the talking.



TRACKING THE EXAM

APPLICANTS

2.37 crore

15 TIMES THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO TOOK CBSE CLASS 10 EXAM IN 2018

Total rail staff currently on rolls: 12.5 LAKH

Total vacancies: 2 LAKH

Number of posts being filled: 1.27 LAKH

Number of exam centres: 440, across 116 cities

Number of exam days: 60; 5 LAKH take test each day

Special trains to ferry candidates: 100

Railway budget for 2018-19: Rs 1.48 LAKH CRORE

Railway staff cost alone 2018-19: Rs 76,000 CRORE

Increase in staff cost after recruitment: Rs 4,000 CRORE

Total cost of recruitment: Rs 800 CRORE

■ Group D eligibility: Class 10

■ Group D age limit: 18-31 (General)

Two-part exam: Online, covering Maths, General Intelligence and Reasoning, Current Affairs, Science, and a physical test

Last recruitment exercise: FEB 2017

Jobs filled in 2017: OVER 14,000 (APPROX)

Number of applicants in 2017: 92 LAKH

Number of centres in 2017: 800

"She has appeared for the UP Police exam as well. She is good at sports," Ankush says, adding that they relied on "practice papers" to prepare, and ushering the silent Kusum into the exam centre.

As the footpath clears out, a group of candidates, led by 20-year-old Abhinav Kushwaha from Hardoi, begin to raise slogans. They have been denied entry because they did not have any original ID proof. Some claim they were told to leave for being "late". After a few minutes, Kushwaha leaves in tears, threatening the guards that he would "tweet" about the incident. "I will tag the Prime Minister as well," he says. "I will also go to the media."

One of the two guards shrugs, "For the evening shift, the candidates are not accepted after 3.15 pm. We have to scan their documents. We need original documents and we need them to be on time."

Around 5.30 pm, among the candidates streaming out of the centre is Lal. He is beaming. "Maths and Reasoning were very good, but I may have faltered in Current Affairs. There was a question about the FIFA 2018 winner, I didn't know. And there was a question on the author of the book *Khullam Khulla*. Now I know it's Rishi Kapoor. *Aur aapko L'Oreal ka rajdoot pata hai* (And do you know the brand ambassador for L'Oreal)? I clicked on Deepika Padukone. I may be right," he adds, heading to the Anand Vihar Bus Stand to take a bus back to Badli.

It's midnight now at the centre, and candidates for the next day have started arriving. Like Lal had done 24 hours earlier, Ankit Verma, 23, spreads out a plastic sheet on the footpath, placing his bag as a pillow. "I had opted for the Allahabad centre, but was given this," says the Hardoi resident.

The father of a two-year-old, he works as a labourer in farms in his village. "I earn Rs 6,000 per month. But soon my daughter will start going to school and we will need more funds."

As the candidates lie down, arranging themselves in rows, covering faces with bedsheets, some lucky enough to find a spot under the lone streetlight decide to stroll.

Night guard Ram Sharma says earlier he would ask the candidates to leave, but not any more. "They are all very poor, where will they go?" says the 54-year-old. Seeing Sharma in conversation, Verma walks up to him to ask if there are any "private jobs" in the area. Returning to his sheet, he sighs. "Over two crore people are appearing for the exam, my chances are very slim. I have a PG diploma, should be doing night duty on railway tracks? *Iss desh ke नेता ko yeh jawab dena chahiye* (The country's politicians should answer this)."

With no arrangement for luggage at the exam centre, Pradeep Kumar spotted an opportunity, and keeps bags now for Rs 50 each. Two years ago, he lost two phones while similarly appearing for the railway exam

TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

ADIL HASAN, 51, A HAVELI OWNER IN OLD DELHI

‘You put heritage tag on my home... at least ask me’

On September 22, at a workshop organised by the North Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, haveli owners in Old Delhi expressed their concerns over the ‘heritage’ tag accorded to their properties. Hasan, who owns a three-storey haveli in Chawdi Bazar, says owners only stand to lose due to the heritage tag



Hasan at his haveli (above, below), which faces Jama Masjid. *Express*

1 When was your house declared a heritage structure?

This haveli was built between 1890 and 1900. My father bought it about 60 years ago. Currently, I am the sole owner of this building. I have no idea when the corporation declared it a heritage structure. I got to know about it only a couple of months ago, when they (corporation) published a new list of 300 heritage buildings. They publish these lists on their own, conduct workshops. They should at least inform the owners.

2 What is the benefit of a heritage tag?

There is no benefit. The corporation doesn't even give permission to carry out renovation or repair work. Earlier, there was a *dhaba* on the ground floor and a guest-house on the first floor. We shut down both since the building urgently needed repairs. But the corporation didn't give us permission for repairs. I am now only painting the outer wall of the building. While I spend thousands to maintain it every month, I get no income from it.

3 What are the problems you face?

Aap mere ghar ke upar ek plate laga ke ja rahe ho, mujhse toh pooch lo (If you are putting the heritage tag on the wall of my home, at least ask me). While the municipal corporation encourages us through such initiatives, it also ties our hands by not allowing us to carry out even minor repairs. If a private building is being notified as a heritage structure (without the approval of the owner), the authorities should give us some incentives. I have heard that they will provide some financial support in the



form of loans etc, but nothing has happened so far.

4 Do you plan to restart the guest-house and the dhaba?

I have to first repair the house. And to restart these businesses, I have to apply for numerous licences — corporation, heritage (division), National Green Tribunal, police, fire and water departments. *Aap kaam kar rahe hain ya zulm kar rahe hain* (Are you working to make our lives easier or punishing us)? Now they have asked us to treat water before it flows into the sewerage. Those who don't own the ground floor, where they put up the water treatment plant?

5 Did you attend the workshop organised in the Town Hall?

I was not informed about the event. If the corporation had sent some correspondence or invitation, I would have gone. They merely provided information about the event in newspapers.

AMITAVA CHAKRABORTY



Khajanchi: Now, the other side of the coin

Born in notebandi queue, celebrated as mascot, the 2-yr-old lives hand to mouth as two villages fight over who has more claim over him

MAULSHREE SETH

BORN ON December 2, 2016, in a queue outside a bank, in the days following demonetisation, he was given the name ‘Khajanchi’, meaning cashier, and made the face of its anti-notebandi campaign by the Samajwadi Party.

Dressed in a full-sleeve green shirt, black trousers and shiny white sneakers, for SP workers who have again come visiting today, the boy who will soon be two doesn't just bear the burden of being the party's mascot. Now, two villages in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur Dehat district are at war over Khajanchi, counting on his glory to shine a light on their problems.

It's hard to spot this though in the thatched-roof hut with no walls, water or electricity in Anandpur village, in the underdeveloped Jhijnhak block, where Khajanchi lives, sharing a 10X6 feet space with his mother, four siblings, two wooden cots, a brick cooking stove, heaps of dry twigs to be used as fuel, and two broken cooking utensils. The only hint of ‘fame’ is a frayed yellow teddy bear, lying incongruously over a twig heap, gifted to Khajanchi on his first birthday.

The SP had announced recently that Khajanchi would be present at party chief Akhilesh Yadav's cycle yatra. Spokesperson Rajendra Choudhary says while that got cancelled for some reason, Khajanchi would be present at one of Akhilesh's yatras soon. Having invoked Khajanchi repeatedly during the 2017 Assembly elections, the party is also set to make the toddler the face of its 2019 poll campaign.

This is what has brought the SP workers to Khajanchi's doorstep. The SP is worried that the



Khajanchi (top) in the hut he shares with a family of five; with his mother, soon after he was born on the steps of a bank, where the latter had queued up following demonetisation. *Vishal Srivastav*

two-year-old is living in these conditions, with mother Sarvesha Nath having left behind a house under the Lohia Awas, a path with “interlocking cement tiles leading up to it” and solar lights, that had been provided by the former SP government in the state, in her in-laws' village of Sardarpurva.

But the 36-year-old insists she won't return. “*Hum wahan nahin jaab. Woh sab maarat hai paise khatir. Hamare bachchan ko bhi maarat hai* (I won't go there. They beat me up for the money. They beat up my children too),” Sarvesha tells the SP men, complaining about her mother-in-law.

The villagers gathered around support her. “*Saheb*, they beat her up a lot. Whatever you want to give her, give her here itself,” says former Anandpur gram pradhan Neeru Pradhan.

Pushpendra, a fellow villager, is more direct. “They thrash her and also want development to come to their village. Sarvesha has been living here for months, what is the harm if development comes here instead?”

Back in Sardarpurva, hardly 6 km away, Sarvesha's mother-in-law Shashi Devi starts off with a disclaimer. Before one can mention Khajanchi, she asserts, “Take my statement too.” Denying Sarvesha's claims of being beaten up, Shashi Devi says her daughter-in-law had been “misled” by the people of Anandpur: “They have become greedy seeing all her money and the chances of development my grandson brings.”

Among the aid that came Khajanchi's way was Rs 2 lakh given by the SP government.

Sarvesha says little of the money remains. A snake charmer by profession, Khajanchi's father Jasmer Nath had died of tuberculosis six months before he was born. Sarvesha was standing in a bank's queue to withdraw Rs 20,000 due to her under the Lohia Awas

Scheme when she had developed labour pains and delivered Khajanchi, with the help of the women present. Of Sarvesha's three other sons and one daughter, eldest son Shiva is also suffering from TB now.

Of the Rs 2 lakh, Sarvesha says, “I spent Rs 75,000 to pay dues that had piled up due to my husband and son's treatment. The rest I have kept in the bank, as that is all I have. My boys can use it to build a better life.”

But that day feels a long way away for now. It's been a couple of hours since Shiva returned from school. Sarvesha, who has been ailing, hasn't made any food, and Shiva heads out to nearby bushes along with two other siblings to pick a wild fruit that tastes like “*kheera* (cucumber)” to eat. Later, Sarvesha, who makes a little amount of money taking buffaloes owned by other villages out for grazing, hopes to cook potatoes given by some villagers.

Shiva studies in Class 1 of the village's Government Primary School. None of her other children goes to school, and Sarvesha claims they don't want to.

As she picks up a broken bucket to fetch water from a handpump 500 metres away, dismayed SP workers give one more shot. “What about the things we got you in Sardarpurva?” they ask Sarvesha. As she responds with a blank stare, the workers get into an SUV and drive away, saying, “We will convey this to the party president (Akhilesh). He might meet you soon.”

Shanti Devi says that unlike Sarvesha, she is ready for a compromise. “Anandpur can keep Sarvesha, the other grandchildren can come back if they want, but they must return Khajanchi... *Khajanchi tau mera hai*. He belongs to us, to this village. See what all he has given us,” she says, turning to point at the solar street-light and cement tiles.

Un-coupled

Three years after Indrani, Peter Mukerjea were held for murder, their unusual story is heading for an unusual divorce. A story of their lives in jail

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SOMETIME IN the three-month period between her arrest in August and his in November 2015, Indrani Mukerjea had said that news that Peter might divorce her was “the biggest shock” of her life. But in January 2017, it was Indrani who announced she wanted a divorce and in April this year, sent Peter a legal notice. Yet, almost every time the 46-year-old appears in court, including at the family court in Mumbai's Bandra-Kurla Complex where they filed for divorce with mutual consent on September 18, it is sporting a bright red *sindoor*. Three years after the high-profile media couple were arrested, on the charge of having colluded to kill Indrani's daughter Sheena Bora, the start of the divorce proceedings is another chapter in their unusual relationship. Mumbai prison officials say this could be the first time a couple are going through divorce when in custody. This means their lawyers had to negotiate terms and prepare documents for the mutual consent divorce in court, when the two appeared for the murder trial. Indrani and 62-year old Peter also communicated through post, between Byculla District Jail and Arthur Road Jail, where they are respectively lodged. Sources said discussions over the division of their properties took place in

the police van taking them to court.

Despite the constraints, Indrani and Peter managed to put together the consent terms over five months. At one point, Indrani sought a passport size photograph of hers from Peter to annex it to the petition, hoping he would have access to one.

One item remains missing: Indrani and Peter's original marriage certificate. In their divorce petition, the two say they are “unable to diligently look for the same, due to unavoidable circumstances”.

The court has scheduled the next hearing in the divorce case after six months (March 25) as per procedure, to give the two time for reconciliation. No one can predict what will happen, a source says. “Six months is a long time in a criminal trial. Many witnesses will depose. Many things may change.”

Even as many remain constant. Since the trial began, on February 23, 2017, in the Mumbai City Civil and District Sessions Court, Indrani, former spouse Sanjeev Khanna, and Peter have always sat together in the accused box.

While they also arrive in the same police van to court from their jails, the three enter the premises separately. Outside courtroom number 51, as they wait, Peter, always dressed in white, has many visitors — from ex-colleagues at Star India, where he was the CEO, to his sister and other relatives. Khanna sits on a



Indrani, on discharge from hospital in April; Peter is finishing a book in jail, the family says it will be a “tell-all”. *Express file*

bench usually with his nephew, who brings him books to read. Indrani sits on another side of the bench, awaiting her lawyers. Her sole visitor at times is an old-time employee of the Mukerjeas, himself a lawyer, who holds discussions regarding her properties. Indrani's other family — her son and Sheena's brother Mekhail — is a prosecution witness.

None of the visitors who comes to meet Peter exchanges any pleasantries with Indrani, despite their years together, including as co-founders of INX Media.

It is perhaps this that Indrani was referring to in December 2016, when she told the court that “90 per cent of women in prisons are deserted by their families”. She also said she wanted to publish a book of the Bhagawad Gita translations she had done and donate 50 per cent of its proceeds to women prisoners.

Yet, in court, Indrani, Peter and Khanna

seem close to each other still, often discussing court proceedings.

A prominent lawyer points out why this is unusual. Speaking to *The Sunday Express*, he says, “Many lawyers advise clients co-accused of criminal conspiracy not to appear together, to ensure there is no guilt by association.”

But despite the divorce proceedings, despite separate defence lawyers, and despite the bitter falling-out following the discovery of Sheena's murder, this does not seem to be the case among Indrani, Peter and Khanna. Often, say prison officials, the three share meals in the police van, brought either by Khanna's or Peter's relatives. In December 2016, when Indrani was informed in court of her father's death, Peter rushed to her side.

Sources say even the mutual consent divorce is to ensure there is no washing of dirty linen in public that could hurt the trial.

Byculla jail authorities, however, attest to a more tumultuous side of Indrani. In June 2017, she had led a mini-mutiny following the death of co-inmate Manjula Shetye after she was allegedly beaten up by authorities over food quality; has claimed threats to her life following her testimony against former Union minister P Chidambaram's son Karti, after which she was shifted to a high-security cell; and gone through a bout of mystery illness in April this year that prompted an inquiry led by the inspector general of police (Prisons).

On September 7, the court rejected Indrani's bail appeal saying her claims of “threats” to her life were “over-exaggerated and unacceptable”. But last week, Indrani again sought bail, citing deterioration in her health condition, loss of 18 kg while in prison and her two visits to JJ Hospital in three weeks. She said her medical reports show “probable onset of



a major brain stroke anytime” and that she should be allowed to present her case to court in person. The court is yet to hear her plea.

Now extra staff guard her cell, even as prison officials claim that the hospitalisation in April could have been a case of drug overdose, with drugs slipped to her during court visits.

Another former jail official says Indrani may suffer from depression. “I have interacted with her. She has interest in crime novels, and when I saw *Gone Girl*, I was reminded of her.” The bestseller book, on which a film was made, features a woman and her elaborate revenge against her husband.

On the other hand, post the Shetye episode, Indrani's popularity amongst inmates has soared. Some of them who are out on bail, including foreign nationals, had started dropping by to meet her during hearings. A stop was put on this after the April hospital scare.


Unlike Indrani, Peter interacts with only a few inmates. The last time he was in the news was when Ramdev visited the Arthur Road Jail in 2015, and he was in the front row following the yoga guru's instructions.

Jail officials say Indrani and Peter spend their days readings and writing. While Indrani often writes to Vidhie, her daughter with Khanna whom Peter had adopted, Peter is finishing a book. It is likely to underline what Peter has maintained before courts: that Indrani was the dominant partner in their relationship.

Peter's family, which continues to stand by him, too asserts the same. Sister Shangon Dasgupta, who regularly attends hearings and is the only relative of all accused willing to talk, says, “I have no doubt my brother is innocent. The only mistake he did was trust his wife.”

A family member says Peter has been keeping detailed notes of his jail days in a diary. With newspaper articles clipped on, the diary is voluminous. “He has already thought of two titles. It will be a tell-all,” says the source.

ACROSS
THE AISLE



P CHIDAMBARAM

The Defence Minister of France, Ms Florence Parly, called on Defence Minister of India on October 27, 2017, in New Delhi. The same day, Ms Parly flew to Nagpur. At a function attended by Mr Nitin Gadkari and Mr Devendra Fadnavis, Ms Parly laid the foundation stone for the factory of the private sector company near Nagpur, where the offset supplies would be manufactured. Did the Defence Minister not know about this engagement?

She wanted reasons, here are 10

THE DEFENCE Minister is an innocent person. She does not know many things that happened concerning the Rafale deal before she took over on September 3, 2017. She appears to have even overlooked her own schedule of daily engagements.

The Rafale aircraft deal between the governments of India and France was announced by the Prime Minister in Paris on April 10, 2015, and an agreement was signed on September 23, 2016. It has kicked up a controversy and a demand for an enquiry. Recently, the Defence Minister asked, "Why should I order an enquiry?" Giving her the benefit of the doubt that we always extend to innocent persons, I think it is only fair to supply the reasons. Here are 10 reasons:

1. The governments of India and France had entered into an MoU under which India would buy 126 Rafale twin-engine multi-role fighter aircraft. The price per aircraft discovered through an international bid opened on December 12, 2012, was Rs 526.10 crore. Dassault, the manufacturer, would supply 18 aircraft in 'fly away' condition. The remaining 108 aircraft would be manufactured in India at the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd's facilities in Bengaluru using Dassault technology that would be available to HAL under a Transfer of Technology agreement. That MoU was cancelled and the Prime Minister announced the new 'deal' on April 10, 2015. **Will the Defence Minister please tell us why was the decision**
2. Under the new agreement, India will buy 36 aircraft at an undisclosed price. The Indian Air Force has said it needed 42 squadrons of fighter jets; it has now 31 squadrons. **Why did the government decide to buy only 36 aircraft (2 squadrons) when the need was for 126 aircraft (7 squadrons) and perhaps more?**
3. By all accounts, the government is purchasing the same aircraft from the same manufacturer under "the same configuration". The last phrase is found in the joint statement dated April 10, 2015. **Is it true that the price per aircraft under the new agreement is Rs 1,670 crore (as disclosed by Dassault) and, if true, what is the justification for the three-fold price increase?**
4. If the price of the aircraft under the new agreement is indeed "cheaper" by 9 per cent, as claimed by the government, **why is the government buying only 36 aircraft and not all the 126 aircraft offered by Dassault?**
5. The new agreement was presented as an "emergency purchase". **If the first aircraft will be delivered only in September 2019 (four years after the agreement) and the last only in 2022, how does it qualify as an emergency purchase?**
6. HAL has experience of 77 years and has manufactured a variety of aircraft under licence from the respective manufacturer. When entering into the new agreement, there was no mention of Transfer of Technology from Dassault to HAL. **Why was the agreement to transfer technology to HAL scrapped?**
7. Every defence purchase by India imposes an 'offset' obligation upon the vendor. Dassault has admitted that it would have an offset obligation to the tune of Rs 30,000 crore against the sale of 36 aircraft. HAL is a public sector undertaking. It had entered into a 'work share' agreement with Dassault on March 3, 2014, and was qualified to be the offset partner. Former President of France, Mr François Hollande, has disclosed that the Government of India had suggested the name of a private sector company as the offset partner and France and Dassault had "no choice" in the matter. The Government of India has denied that it had suggested the name. **Did the government suggest any name at all and, if not, why did it not suggest the name of HAL?**
8. The Defence Minister of France, Ms Florence Parly, called on the Defence Minister of India on October 27, 2017, in New Delhi. The same day, Ms Parly flew to Nagpur. At a function attended by Mr Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister, Mr Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and the Ambassador of France to India, Ms Parly laid the founda-
- tion stone for the factory of the private sector company at Mihnan, near Nagpur, where the offset supplies would be manufactured. **Did the Defence Minister not know about this engagement of Ms Parly when the two met and, if not, did she not read about it in the newspapers the next day?**
9. Dassault and the private sector offset partner had disclosed in an October 2016 press release that their joint venture "will be a key player in the execution of offset obligations". **Was the Defence Minister telling the truth when she said that she was not aware if Dassault had chosen a private sector company as the offset partner?**
10. HAL has a record of manufacturing MIG, Mirage and Sukhoi under licence and its own Tejas aircraft. It has assets of Rs 64,000 crore. In 2017-18, its turnover was Rs 18,283 crore and its profit Rs 3,322 crore. In a recent statement, the Defence Minister has contradicted the statement of Mr T S Raju, former CMD of HAL, and made disparaging remarks against HAL. **Is it the intention of the government to privatise HAL or close down HAL?**

I have given 10 reasons (there are more) why the government should order an enquiry into the matter. Over to the innocent Defence Minister.

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INSIDE TRACK



COOMI KAPOOR

BRAWN, NOT BRAIN

THE MEA statement announcing cancellation of talks between the Indian and Pakistani foreign ministers on September 26, within a day of confirming the meeting, is intriguing. The blunt announcement had undiplomatic phrases and even an inaccuracy. (It claimed that Imran Khan had been in office for a 'few months', when it had only been a month since he took over.) The wording so mortified former IFS officer Sharat Sabharwal that he tweeted in defence of his service, "IFS does not draft such election oriented statements or take such hasty flip flop decisions," he said, adding that the thinking behind the statement was "more brawn than brain". Since MEA officials and the PMO claim privately that they did not compose the statement, the question is, who did so and why? It appears that the press release was written in a huff and a hurry after National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval reportedly expressed his reservations over the talks, even though Prime Minister Narendra Modi is believed to have okayed the meeting in principle. Doval is understood to have objected because he feared that Pakistan's hawkish Foreign Minister S M Qureshi, who is known to have humiliated India in public in the past, was unlikely to be constructive.

WILL DOVAL LOSE BEAT?

During former Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif's regime and even after he demitted office, Indo-Pakistan negotiations were conducted from the Indian side largely by NSA Doval, who kept in regular touch with his Pakistani counterpart through meetings, often in third countries, and even telephonic conversations. However, Doval could now be out of the picture since Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has not appointed a National Security Adviser and, in fact, has decided to shut down the division.

WEEDING OUT CONGRESS

Just as Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy was trying his best to mollify former CM Siddaramaiah and other Congress dissidents, the lone BSP minister in the government, N Mahesh, has struck a discordant note. Mahesh, while inaugu-

rating a cleanliness drive, urged people to uproot the Congress, describing the party as a weed. Congress minister Puttaranga Shetty, who has an ongoing feud with Mahesh as they are both from the same region, fumed, "Who is Mahesh to talk of removing the Congress?"

Mahesh tried to explain away his comments, claiming that he was actually referring to the Parthenium weed, which is commonly known as Congress grass and is believed to have come to India in the 1960s through wheat sacks imported from the USA under the PL-480 Food for Peace programme. His smart response appears incredulous. Mahesh, a Dalit who is Karnataka's reform-minded primary and secondary education minister, is among the most erudite of ministers in Kumaraswamy's Cabinet.

BRONZED IRON MAN

The Iron Man of India will be covered in bronze cladding made in China. The giant statue of Sardar Patel coming up in Gujarat, costing around Rs 2,300 crore, will measure 182 metres from head to foot and 240 metres if one includes the base. The Statue of Unity, as it is called, will be twice the height of the Statue of Liberty. True, it is not entirely a Made in India product, but the iron for the statue and most of the inputs are indigenous. Experts from the US, Singapore and other countries were hired to advise on environmental safety, architectural details and to plan a digital museum for Patel. A high-speed lift will take visitors to the top and offer a panoramic view of the mighty Narmada river, the dam and the surrounding peaks. It is expected to be one of India's major tourist attractions and state governments have been invited to build guesthouses in the vicinity. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was the first to send a blank cheque for his state's guest house.

BUREAUCRATIC SLOTH

Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev is keen for the new school of journalism he has opened in his country to have a tie-up with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication. In fact, the country's Ambassador to India, Farhad Arziev, is an alumnus of IIMC. The proposal was sent to the Indian government several months ago, but to the embarrassment of the MEA, when President Mirziyoyev arrived in Delhi last week, the MoU with IIMC could not be signed. IIMC Director K G Suresh says the delay is because the new executive council of IIMC has yet to meet to clear the proposal. Considering the term of the last executive ended three months ago, there was surely sufficient time for a new executive to be constituted and for a meeting to be called.

ROUGH CUT

E.P. UNNY

OUT OF MY MIND



MEGHNAD DESAI

EVERY WEEK from Tuesday to Saturday, newspaper headlines are dominated by decisions of the Supreme Court. The pace and scale of its activities are more hectic than any time in the decades since Independence. Just this year, same-sex relationships have been decriminalised. Adultery is no longer a crime. Gender-based restrictions have been removed for temple entry (women catching up with Dalits). Sexual harassment, especially

The sole reformer

rape, is to be punished severely and by death penalty if the victim is a minor. Triple talaq is against the Constitution.

It is as if the only branch of government functioning to change society for better is the Judiciary. The Legislature at the Centre and state levels is frequently disrupted and barren of any new decisions. The Executive at the Centre, especially the Prime Minister, is consumed by electioneering and, after the torrent of activity in the first half of its tenure, is now bogged down in firefighting. Even in something as vital as triple talaq, despite the invitation of the Judiciary, the best the Executive has been able to do in face of a fractious Parliament is to resort to an ordinance.

What has happened? There is a long history and a short one on this. The short history is simply that no government dares enact reform which may upset any vote bank. As election nears, new vote banks crystallise themselves and it is best to do nothing than to initiate reform. The SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act is a recent example. The Supreme Court pointed out that a certain change was required by the Rule of Law since no one could be presumed guilty unless proven to be so. The large Dalit vote bank erupted in anger. Opposition parties marched with them. The government surrendered and removed the aspect of fending the Dalits. The upper castes exploded. The Opposition once again marched with the upper castes, protesting about the change which they had de-

manded marching with the Dalits. Hence Bharat Bandh which, luckily for the ruling party, failed.

The long history starts in early Nineteenth Century, when incoming Governor Generals decided to reform Hindu society of its (for them) bad practices. Lord William Bentinck was a leading example. But 1857 happened and the British abandoned social reforms by legislation for the next 90 years. Reforms became the concern of voluntary associations, which used the help of the small number of elected Indian legislators in the first half of the Twentieth Century. The Justice Party in South India achieved great success in reducing Brahmin domination. North India with its Congress legislators resisted such reform.

When Independence came, there was a reluctance to tackle social reform. The Congress Brahmin leadership especially from the Hindi belt clamped down on social change. In economic sphere Socialism; in social sphere Brahminism was the motto. It took the decline of Congress hegemony and Mandal to bring the interests of the lower castes to the forefront of demands.

But there is no single-party majority now. All governments are delicate coalitions of vote banks. Hence no reform.

Over to the Supreme Court, where the Chief Justice has not been immune to political attacks from within and from outside, including a threat to impeach him. But he persisted. Fare thee well Deepak Misra. Good luck Ranjan Gogoi.

FIFTH COLUMN



TAVLEEN SINGH

Rahul helps Modi again

RAHUL GANDHI has said two things in recent days that reveal that his advisors spend more time in Delhi drawing rooms than among 'the poor' whom he claims so passionately to represent. The first is his charge that Narendra Modi is not a 'chowkidar' but a 'thief'. The second is his demand for a 'new freedom movement' to get rid of Modi. Having just spent many hours listening to what poor, rural Indians think about politics and politicians, I can report that nobody I met believes 'desh ka chowkidar chor hai'. For the benefit of those of you without comprehension of basic Hindi, this translates as 'the man who claims to be this country's guard is a thief'.

The Congress president likes repeating often sentences that he thinks are specially clever. So as he once did with 'suit-boot ki sarkar' he is presently doing with 'desh ka chowkidar chor hai'. If he, or his advisors, were really having conversations with poor, rural voters, they would know that it is hard to meet anyone who thinks Modi is personally corrupt. In the conversations I have recently had on my rural travels, the one constant is that people think of Modi as a man who is working very hard ('night and day' are the words they use) to make India a better place. Even those who are currently unhappy about the lack of jobs and the rising prices of petrol and diesel say they do not blame Modi for this. Even those who speak of local BJP leaders being corrupt, hastily add that they do not blame Modi for this. So nobody is likely to join a 'freedom movement' to rid India of Modi.

If I had any doubts that Rahul Gandhi's advisors spend their time lounging about in the salons of Lutyens Delhi, they disappeared when I heard him speak at last week's Hindustan Times Leadership Summit. He said many things that sounded as if he was confused, ignorant and undecided, but his comment on what his policy would be towards Pakistan was truly noteworthy.

His policy if he ever becomes prime minister is to treat Pakistan 'as a special neighbour'. Not an exporter of jihadi terrorism to India? Not someone that blames India for exporting terrorism across its border? Just a special neighbour? The Congress president has not understood the national mood when it comes to our oldest enemy. The spread of smartphones has made rural people surprisingly aware of what is going on in the world. Some years ago the name Mani Shankar Aiyar would have been unknown in rural northern India. Now they know he went to Pakistan and spoke against Modi. They said they were disgusted that Congress leaders could talk like this when Indian soldiers are being beheaded on our borders. They believe (rightly or wrongly) that Modi has taken a tough stand with Pakistan. They believe dialogue is useless with the Islamic Republic till it stops exporting jihadi terrorists to India. They also said that one of the things they liked about Modi was that he had 'enhanced India's esteem in the eyes of the world'.

Not long ago I quoted in this column the remarks of a senior BJP leader, who said that the reason they were sure Modi would be prime minister again next year was because Rahul was 'such a goof'. I thought he was being overly optimistic, but now I am no longer so sure. An exceptional example of extreme goofiness is to call for a 'freedom movement' to rid India of Modi. In saying this, the man who is president of the party that led this freedom movement demeaned the long struggle for freedom and also showed that he has not understood that India is a democracy that has always held regular elections. All that needs to be done to 'rid India of Modi' is to defeat him in the Lok Sabha election that is due in six months. The Congress president said again at the Leadership Summit that he would be happy to become prime minister if the chance came his way. Before saying this again he would do well to pay attention to what his ally Mayawati said last week. In the strongest possible words, she said that the Congress party had not lost its 'arrogance' even after losing power.

A harsh assessment but true. After coming down to 44 seats in the Lok Sabha you would expect there to have been serious analysis of what has gone wrong with India's oldest and once most powerful political party. This has not happened yet. So whenever senior Congress leaders comment on the humiliating defeat in 2014 they blame it on Modi having 'marketed' himself better than they were able to. They will have to do better than this if they want their 'clown prince' to become prime minister.

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QUOTE, UNQUOTE



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“You know 12 years is a long time as a CEO, and even though I have a lot of fuel still left in my tank, I wanted to do something different with my life. Spend more time with my family and give the next generation... a chance to lead...”

INDRA NOOYI, WHO WILL STEP DOWN AS PEPSICO CEO ON OCTOBER 10, AT A CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

“We will be ill-served in the long run if we abandon the presumption of innocence and fairness, tempting though it may be. We must always remember that it is when passions are most inflamed that fairness is most in jeopardy.”

REPUBLICAN SENATOR **SUSAN COLLINS** OF MAINE ANNOUNCING THAT SHE WOULD SUPPORT BRETT KAVANAUGH'S US SUPREME COURT NOMINATION

“The notion I could have it all was a lie — sold to me by the very magazine I edited.”

FARRAH STORR, THE EDITOR OF *COSMOPOLITAN*, REVEALING THAT SHE EVENTUALLY GAVE UP ON HAVING CHILDREN IN ORDER TO BAG HER DREAM JOB

“We can't arrest our way out of it. You can't scare people. This is about educating.”

DAVID ZON, A DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE US, ON WIDESPREAD OPIOID ABUSE AND ADDICTION

Reaching for the stars

Long over the *Hangover*, Bradley Cooper is making his directorial debut with *A Star Is Born*. He talks about stumbling upon the story, and Lady Gaga



Cooper (above) says he has always loved performing; a scene from the film, that he also co-wrote and stars in. NYT

TAFFY BRODESSER-AKNER

Bradley Cooper is not not happy to be on the press tour for *A Star Is Born*, the movie he perfectionistically, obsessively directed, co-wrote and stars in. Every detail of it comes from a true thing — something he's learned, something he's seen, something he knows for sure.

What a huge bet this was; what a long haul it's been; what a full-on occupation of the last four years — years in which he, after an Oscar nomination for *American Sniper*, had his pick of just about any role he wanted.

“This is the joyous period,” he told me. This is the third remake of the movie, the story of the big male star who plucks the little woman from obscurity and watches her celebrity rise above his, to tragic consequences. Each one is slightly different, a reflection of the filmmaker himself. Cooper liked that there was an opportunity to reflect himself in there: his romantic view of creativity, his despair of what commerce can do to art. He liked that it was a love story above all those things.

He created Jackson Maine in that image: an earnest, rootsy, behatted rock star whose weary, substance-compromised heart can't bear to see the star-making machinery overtake a sincere, poetic message. Jackson is not so much jealous of Ally, the character Lady Gaga plays, like in previous incarnations of the movie, but he bemoans how the industry strangles her ability to say the kind of things she did when he found her singing *La Vie en Rose* in a drag bar.

Cooper grew up loved, in Philadelphia, in a house full of music. His father was a stockbroker and his mother worked at an NBC affiliate and then raised her family. He always liked performing. He played the upright bass, its neck sticking out of the window of the family Cadillac as he was driven to school. He was 12 when he saw *The Elephant Man* and knew he wanted to act.

He was a good student. He graduated from Georgetown cum laude. He went to the Actors Studio for his Masters in acting and received a special commendation as the star question-asker of *Inside the Actors Studio* — of many actors whom he'd go on to star alongside. It was there that he met his beloved mentor, Elizabeth Kemp, who died in 2017 and to whom *A Star Is Born* is dedicated. He felt that once he met her, he was finally able to relax, for the first time in his life. He gave those classes everything he had.

All the while, he got to learn under his directors: Todd Phillips and Clint Eastwood and David O Russell. All the mundane stuff about directing, he loved it. He got to the point where he understood the machinery. He was ready. People told him to direct a pilot or a commercial to get his feet wet, but he didn't want to.

After the blockbuster success of *The Hangover*, he never had to do a movie he didn't want to again. He took all the work seriously. Directors saw him as someone who worked in the tradition of a 1970s actor, like Robert De Niro and Al Pacino and John Cazale. But by the time he finished *American Sniper*, he had been feeling like he'd done enough acting. He loved it, he loves it. He still plans to do it. But it was time to do more.

“I guess I felt like I wasn't utilising all of myself,” he said.

But it wasn't easy to get someone to hand him a project. “You're like, 'I have these big dreams, and I feel these things'. Is that all wrong? Like, shame on anybody that's going to tell you who you are. That angers me. It's like, someone's going to tell you who you are, what you're capable of,” he said.

Then he pitched *A Star Is Born* to Warner Bros. and whatever happened in that room made the Warner people hand over



\$38 million before marketing costs.

In 2011, *A Star Is Born* belonged to Eastwood, who directed *American Sniper*. Beyoncé was attached, but then her first pregnancy reportedly delayed filming and ultimately, there were too many scheduling conflicts to proceed. Eastwood talked to Cooper about the role, but Cooper was hesitant. He was 36; he didn't think he could play someone that weathered. “I knew I would be acting my balls off to try to be what that character was, because I was just too — I just hadn't lived enough, I just knew it,” he said.

On the last day of filming *The Hangover Part II*, in 2011, he flew home to take care of his father, who was dying from lung cancer. That, he said, changed everything. “It's a new reality... It was like, his last exhale, and I was holding him, and it was like, everything changed.”

Instead of taking as many good roles as he could find, he decided to apply an even more stringent standard of perfection to his work than before. He signed on to do *The Elephant Man* on Broadway and in London.

By 2015, he felt ready to play the role in *A Star Is Born*. Now he looked in the mirror and saw it. “Honestly,” he said. “I could see it on my face. I just felt it.”

But Eastwood had moved on. One evening, Cooper watched Annie Lennox sing *I Put a Spell on You* on TV. That night he had a dream about the opening scene of the movie. The next day he pitched it to Warner Bros.

He still needed to find his born star, his Ally. He attended a celebration for the opening of the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy at Sean Parker's house in Los Angeles and that's where he saw Lady Gaga perform *La Vie en Rose*. “My mind was blown,” he said. She would be the thing his movie had that no other movie had. He called her agent and asked for a meeting. “She was so open,” he said.

He learned to understand his characters through his dreams, he said. He created rituals for his character by “tapping” into his subconscious. In the movie, Jackson smashes an OxyContin with his boot, an idea that came out of just this method.

This is all great, I told him. It's good information. But now I had follow-up questions, ones based on clues from the movies and biographical information I know from previous interviews — was anything inspired by a specific relationship? What was he thinking in that final devastating scene? These are the questions that annoy him. Do I really want to know about his love life? Do I really want to know what specific thing he was thinking in that scene?

He thinks that's silly. “Any time you do anything, you have to find personal things of yourself, but no, I mean, I felt like I was him. I wasn't, like, going, like, back to a moment of my life in that scene.” The movie isn't about him in that way, he said. It's just by him and of him. He made the movie to contribute to humanity, to speak to the audience. He made it because creating art helps us heal one another. “That's the point of creating art, trying to somehow deal with the desperate reality of being alive, you know?”

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WHAT THE WORLD IS READING

THE ATLANTIC

Changing warfare

WHETHER IT'S the conflict in the Middle East or political fights to appoint a US Supreme Court nominee, the social media has become the new battleground. P W Singer and Emerson Brooking converse with Lieutenant General Michael Flynn (*below*), who served as the director of the US's Defense Intelligence Agency and has been one of the most respected leaders of America's recent wars, about the changing nature of this warfare. Explaining the evolution of Open Source Intelligence, Flynn points out, “Before the rise of social media... 90 percent of intelligence came from secret sources. Now... 90 percent of the useful information comes from open sources that anyone... could tap.” The reason, Flynn explains, isn't just that the Internet has grown but that it has also begun changing in a fundamental manner. “The billions of new users coming online (are) using computers... [that] carry 'sensors', devices for gathering information... Some sensors are self-evident, like the camera of a smartphone. Others lurk in the background, like the magnetometer and GPS that provide information about direction and location.”



DAWN

Saving the migrants

LAST MONTH, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan visited Saudi Arabia to renew ties between the two countries. While many pacts were signed, Saudi Arabia in principle agreed to become the third strategic partner in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. But what has often eluded the attention of political elites and high-level diplomacy is the condition of Pakistani migrant workers in Saudi Arabia (*above*). Pakistanis “make up the second largest migrant community in the Kingdom... At \$19.3 billion received in remittances in 2017 from its nationals worldwide, Pakistan is the fifth highest recipient of remittances globally,” notes Yumna

Rizvi, adding, “The highest number of Pakistanis imprisoned abroad is in Saudi Arabia at 3,309, which also executes the most Pakistanis: 74 since 2014 and 15 so far this year, mainly for drugs.” According to the writer, the sufferings of poor migrants, who work as labourers, is a result of being coerced or duped by recruiting firms and agents. Talking of the indifferent attitude of the Pakistani establishment, Rizvi says, “Islamabad should treat their cases with the highest level of sensitivity as they are at the mercy of local courts without access to impartial lawyers, adequate translators or consular assistance from Pakistani diplomatic missions. Every mission has community welfare attachés whose job is to support the migrant community, but the situation on the ground is quite different.”

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

It's not only about a hike

AMAZON.COM HAS decided to raise the minimum pay of its workers only in the US and UK, neglecting the demands of employees for better pay and condition in some of the other big markets. “It may go against CEO Jeff Bezos's (*below*) capitalist instincts, but what Amazon needs to offer its workers is a global, company-wide deal pegging minimum pay to a multiple of the national poverty level of the countries in which it operates. It also needs to make working conditions more humane,” writes Leonid Bershidsky. But it is not only the pay that has concerned Amazon employees across borders. When the initial protest began in 2013, the “complaints were largely the same as today: a high-pressure environment in which blue-collar workers are under constant surveillance; a workplace where the tiniest pauses are punished, conversations discouraged, and reprimands quick. They also complained of harsh quotas and being unable to take a proper toilet break.” The firm's agreement to hike wages in the English-speaking countries, the author believes, is a reputation-enhancing move.



Close shave



THE WANSHENG Ordovician Theme Park in central China is a popular tourist place. Among many attractions, the park is known for its ‘gap bridge’. However, it has been shut down by authorities after a video that went viral showed a tourist hopping across the gap bridge, and the safety rope attached to him coming off.

A royal heist



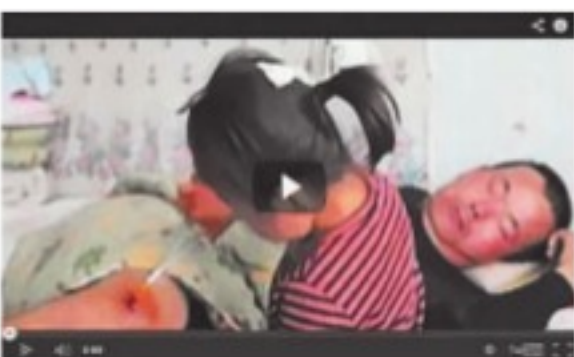
SAMOSA IS among the most popular Indian snacks. Even Prince Harry couldn't escape its magical pull recently. The prince was captured sneaking one out at an event organised by his wife, the Duchess of Sussex, Meghan Markle. The 34-year-old British Royal was seen smiling sheepishly and trying to escape the camera lens that followed him while leaving the event.



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WHAT THE WORLD IS WATCHING

The loving daughter



AFTER A man in China's Ningxia Province was paralysed in an accident, his wife abandoned him and their six-year-old daughter, Jia. Juggling between school and other household chores, Jia now takes care of her disabled father with help from her elderly grandparents. The little girl wakes up at 6 every morning to give her father a massage for at least half an hour. Once done, she gets ready and leaves for school. After reaching home, Jia feeds him and helps him move around the house with the help of a homemade mobility hoist. Her grandparents, who are both farmers, take care of her father while she is away at school.

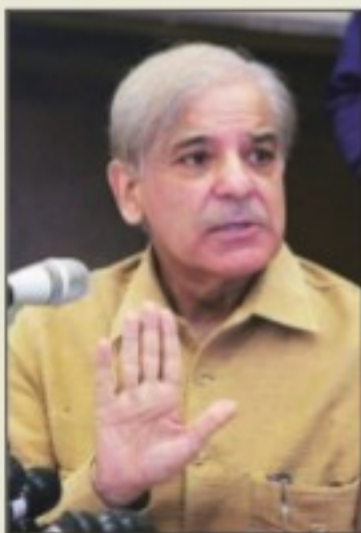
17 THE WORLD



KULDIP NAYAR'S ASHES IN PAK

The ashes of veteran Indian journalist Kuldeep Nayar were immersed Friday in Lahore in the River Ravi by his granddaughter. Nayar passed away on August 23 in New Delhi.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Shahbaz Sharif

PAKISTAN

Shahbaz Sharif sent to 10-day remand in scam

Lahore: An anti-corruption court in Pakistan Saturday granted a 10-day remand of opposition leader Shahbaz Sharif to the country's top anti-graft body in a Rs 1,400 crore housing scam, the latest setback to the embattled Sharif family. The National Accountability Bureau, which arrested the PML-N president Friday, is investigating his alleged involvement in the multi-billion rupees corruption case. Shahbaz, 67, is the younger brother of ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif, 68, who is facing corruption charges in three cases.

PAKISTAN

Taps stolen from Lankan envoy's house

Islamabad: In a major security lapse, some unidentified persons stole some lamps and taps worth about Rs 70,000 from the high-security residence of the Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Pakistan, a media report said Saturday. An official of the Sri Lanka's High Commission here filed a complaint with the police, stating that thieves have stolen brass lamps and bathroom taps from the high commissioner's residence. The value of the stolen lamps and bathroom fittings is estimated to be Rs 70,000, it said.

UK

Idiocracy, fam, nothingburger in Oxford English

London: Idiocracy, nothingburger and fam are among the 1,400 new words to make an entry into the Oxford English Dictionary as part of its latest update. Idiocracy refers to a society consisting of or governed by people characterised as idiots. Nothingburger is defined as a person or thing of no importance, value, or substance, especially something which, contrary to expectations, turns out to be insignificant or unremarkable. Fam, short for family and with a wider connotation for family friends, has been added due to its use as a slang.

USA

Rock used as a doorstep worth \$100,000

Grand Rapids: A man curious about a rock he'd used for decades as a doorstep now knows its secret: it's a meteorite worth \$100,000. In fact, the 23-pound rock is the sixth largest meteorite found in Michigan. David Mazurek said he took it to a university for examination after seeing reports of meteorite pieces selling for thousands of dollars. He said the meteorite came with a barn he bought from a farmer in 1988, who told him it landed in his backyard in the 1930s.

AMERICA DIVIDED

Kavanaugh set to be confirmed

Protests erupt outside US Capitol and Supreme Court as Senate is set to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the apex court despite decades-old allegations of sexual assault by several women

ALAN FRAM & LISA MASCARO
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6

DEMOCRATS AND demonstrators vented rage and resistance but the Senate rolled toward approving Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination Saturday as President Donald Trump and Republicans approached an election-season triumph in the most electrifying confirmation battle in years.

Capping a venomous struggle that transfixed Americans when it veered into claims that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted women in the 1980s and his fierce denials, the 53-year-old conservative's nomination was on track for afternoon approval. He seemed certain to win by a slender two votes in a near party-line roll call.



Protesters at the US Supreme Court on Saturday. Reuters

Trump weighed in Saturday morning on behalf of the man he nominated in July and who as justice would tilt the court rightward, possibly for decades. "Big day for America!" he tweeted.

Democrats paraded to a nearly empty Senate chamber overnight to lambast the nominee. They said he'd push the court farther right, including possible sympathetic rulings for Trump.

And they said his record and fuming testimony at a now famous Senate Judiciary Committee hearing showed he lacked the fairness, temperament and even honesty to become a justice.

But the fight was defined by sexual assault accusations, especially Christine Blasey Ford's allegation that a drunken Kavanaugh tried raping her at a 1982 high school gathering. Kavanaugh vehemently denied all those claims.

All but one Republican lined up behind him, arguing that a truncated FBI investigation turned up no corroborating witnesses and that Kavanaugh had sterling credentials for the court. Exactly one month from elections in which House and Senate control are in play, Democrats tried making sure that female voters were paying attention.

"Republicans are saying: your voices just don't matter," Senator

Patty Murray, D-Wash., said Saturday. "Your experiences, your trauma, your pain, your heartache, your anger — none of that matters. Their message is, 'we don't have to listen. We don't have to care. Sit down and be quiet.'"

As she spoke, several hundred anti-Kavanaugh demonstrators chanted on the lawn between the Capitol and the Supreme Court. "We believe survivors," they yelled. Protesters have roamed Capitol Hill corridors and grounds daily, raising anxieties and underscoring the passions the nomination fight has aroused.

Kavanaugh's expected two-vote victory in itself underscored how unusually divisive his nomination fight has been. It would be the closest roll call to confirm a justice since 1881, when Stanley Matthews was approved by 24-23, according to Senate records. **AP**

Don't take parliament for granted: speaker

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 6

THE CONFLICT within Nepal's ruling Communist Party exploded on Saturday when parliament Speaker Krishna Bahadur Mahara said the government should not "take parliament for granted in any way".

Speaking to a forum of journalists outside parliament, Mahara said, "Parliament autonomously makes government accountable to it and the government should not take it for granted in any way." His statement comes in the wake of several moves by the KP Oli-led government to bypass parliament on many issues.

There are also reports of a falling out between Oli and erstwhile Maoist chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal after the latter revealed last month that the deal to merge the Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist and the Maoist Party to form the ruling party was predicated on the condition that Oli will hand over the government to him halfway through the term.

Interpol chief held in China, agency demands answers

AGENCIES
BEIJING, OCTOBER 6

INTERPOL PRESIDENT Meng Hongwei has been detained in China for questioning as part of an investigation against him, a media report said Saturday, a day after he was reported missing in his native country.

Meng, 64, the first Chinese head of the international law enforcement agency headquartered in France, was "taken away" for questioning by discipline authorities "as soon as he landed in China" last week, Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* quoted a source as saying.

It was not immediately clear why he is being investigated or exactly where he is being held.

Interpol has made a formal request to China for information about its missing Chinese president who seemingly vanished on a trip home, citing concerns for his well-being. Meng, who is also a vice-minister at China's Ministry of Public Security, is under investigation in China, the *Post* reported amid mystery surrounding his disappearance after his wife reported to the French police that he had gone missing.



Meng Hongwei

Interpol, which is based in Lyon, said said in a brief statement Saturday that it used law enforcement channels to submit its request about the status of Meng Hongwei.

"Interpol has requested through official law enforcement channels clarification from China's authorities on the status of Interpol President Meng Hongwei," said Interpol's secretary-general Juergen Stock.

Under China's supervision law, a suspect's family and employer must be notified within 24 hours of detention, except in cases where doing so would hinder an investigation. It appears Meng's wife was not informed. **PTI**

Waiver to wean countries like India off Russian arms: US

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6

THE US presidential waiver on weapons deal with sanctions-hit Russia is intended to "wean" countries like India off the Russian equipment, the White House has said as New Delhi inked a \$5 billion deal to purchase S-400 Triumf air defence system from Moscow.

The mega deal was sealed in New Delhi on Friday during the visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin for the annual summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a guarded reaction, the US said Friday its intent to slap sanctions against Russia was not aimed at imposing damage to the military capabilities of its "allies or partners," shortly after India concluded the deal for purchase of S-

400 missile system from Russia.

The S-400 missile defence system would give India's defence a cutting-edge security against any missile attack by its enemies.

"The (CAATSA) presidential waiver is narrow, intended to wean countries off Russian equipment and allow for things such as spare parts for previously-purchased equipment," said a White House National Security Council Spokesperson after the conclusion of the S-400 contract.

But for the presidential waiver, Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act or CAATSA sanctions kicks in in the event of a major purchase like S-400 missile defence system. Ahead of the deal, the US had urged India not to purchase S-400. It reiterated Friday.

Last month, the US had imposed sanctions on China for buying S-400 from Russia. **PTI**

First time since WW2, Japan on foreign soil in war games

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SAN ANTONIO, OCTOBER 6

JAPANESE TROOPS stormed a beach in the Philippines Saturday in joint exercises with US and Filipino troops that officials said marked the first time Tokyo's armoured vehicles rolled on foreign soil since World War II.

The small Japanese contingent played a humanitarian support role in the drill after US and Filipino marines made an amphibious landing to retake

Philippine territory from a "terrorist" group. The exercise, code-named Kamandag (Venom), marked the first time Japanese armoured military vehicles were used on foreign soil since the country adopted a pacifist constitution after its 1945 defeat, said Japan's Major Koki Inoue.

The exercise was held at a Philippine navy base facing the South China Sea some 250 kilometres from the Scarborough Shoal, a territory claimed by Manila that was seized by China during a 2012 naval stand-off.

WORLD ZOMBIE DAY

Hundreds of people participate in the World Zombie Day in London on Saturday. Reuters

Need to stay on guard: incoming Maldives leader's aide

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 6

WITH CONCERNS persisting that President Abdulla Yameen of the Maldives may attempt to hang on to power despite a decisive election defeat last month, a spokesman of President-elect Ibrahim Mohammed Solih said the opposition could not afford to drop guard until the transition had taken place.

The Maldives, which voted for Solih in the September 23 election, remains on edge, with Yameen giving indications that he does not accept the result despite conceding defeat. Meanwhile, former President Mohammed

Nasheed, who has lived in exile since 2016 after his conviction on terrorism charges, has said he will return to Maldives on November 1 "come what may". It is unclear what role Nasheed would have in the new government.

Mariya Didi, Solih's spokesperson and an MP, told *The Sunday Express* that the Election Commission's announcement of the final results on September 29 had made it much harder to challenge the election's outcome.

"Moreover, the Maldivian Army and police have vowed to support the will of the people. The entire international community has also welcomed the election result. Nevertheless, we must remain vigilant, especially until the swearing-in of the new president



Ibrahim Mohammed Solih

and vice-president." Didi said in response to emailed questions.

Yameen will remain in office until November 17, when his term is due to end. Earlier this week, Yameen alleged that the Election Commission (EC) had been influenced to declare a result in favour

of Solih, a charge that was immediately denied by the EC. Yameen asked his party to hold protests against the results.

Concerns about Yameen clinging on to power were reflected during US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's congratulatory telephone call to Solih on Friday.

Other international acknowledgements of Solih's election victory continued to pour in. China, which had privileged relations with Yameen, was among the first to congratulate Solih, with a congratulatory note from president Xi Jinping.

On Saturday, Zhang Lizhong, the Chinese Ambassador to the Maldives, followed that up with a call on the President-elect. "And they discussed how China can

continue to assist the Maldives with its development, in particular in housing, water and sewerage, and tourism," according to a release from Solih's office.

Didi, Solih's spokesperson, said India and Maldives have had a "close relationship" historically.

"We see eye to eye on many issues: for example, the rule of law, and the peace and stability of the Indian Ocean. There are also very strong people-to-people and cultural ties that bind our two nations together. Recently, the Maldives has gained a reputation internationally as something of a troublemaker. We need to repair our image and become, once more, a respected and responsible member of the international community," she said.

TREASURE FOUND IN SWEDEN

8-year-old pulls out pre-Viking sword from lake

PALKO KARASZ
LONDON, OCTOBER 6

AT THE height of a sweltering summer, Saga Vanecek went paddling in a southern Swedish lake. And in the shallow waters, reduced by a long heat wave, she came across something astonishing.

She thought it was a stick, she told the news website *The Local*, and she was going to skim it over the water. But when she fished it out, it was a sword — 33 inches long, black with age and rust.

According to a Facebook post by her father, Andy Vanecek, she "lifted it high above her head, and shouted, as if she was Pippi Longstocking," a Swedish storybook heroine, "DADDY! I FOUND A SWORD!"



With her family, Saga, 8, who is Swedish-American, took the sword to the local Jonkoping museum, which confirmed that it dated to the 5th or 6th century, before the time of the Vikings.

It was exceptionally well-preserved and included a cover made from leather and wood,

the museum said in a statement posted this week.

The find was made on July 15, according to Vanecek's Facebook post, but the museum asked Saga and her family to keep the discovery secret, so that archaeologists could search the Vidostern lake where she uncovered the



Saga Vanecek (left); the sword. Andrew Vanecek & AP

sword before treasure-hunters made off with any other historical artifacts that might be hidden there. Divers and metal detectors were used in the search.

"After the sword was found we have made two surveys, we found a fibula from the period 300-400 AD," said Anders Kraft, archaeologist with the County Administrative Board in Jonkoping in an email. "It's still un-

clear if the sword is from the same period, we need more scientific analyses to find out."

Her family is relieved that they no longer have to hide the news.

"I think maybe I found it harder to keep secret than she did," Vanecek said. "It's cool that it will be in a museum and it might even say 'Saga's sword' and it might be there for thousands of years." **NYT**

18 ECONOMY

BRIEFLY

PNB Housing Finance raises \$200 million

New Delhi: Mortgage lender PNB Housing Finance Saturday said it has raised \$200 million (about Rs 1,470 crore) through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB), its first under the automatic route of the RBI. This year, the Reserve Bank of India has allowed housing finance companies to borrow through ECB up to \$750 million annually under the automatic route, the company said in a statement.

Qualcomm plans campus in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Tech major Qualcomm on Saturday announced plans to set up its largest campus outside the US here. The company's officials met Minister for IT in the Caretaker government K T Rama Rao Saturday to discuss their growth plans in the city. "Qualcomm will be investing \$400 million (Rs 3,000 crore) to set up their campus in Hyderabad, Telangana. This is one of the largest investment by a marquee company after the formation of the state," it said in a release.

Indian Bank raises rates on FCNR(B)

Chennai: Public sector Indian Bank on Saturday said it has revised the foreign currency non-resident banking term deposits with immediate effect. For FCNR(B) deposits, in dollar terms, the revised interest rates for deposits of one year and above, but less than two years has been fixed at Rs 3.78 per cent, the city headquartered bank said in a statement.

NCDEX gets nod for option contracts

New Delhi: Commodity exchange NCDEX on Saturday said it has received nod to launch options contracts in four commodities — guar-gum, soybean, chana and refined soy oil — by Sebi. PTI

STALLED INFRA PROJECTS

Liquidity crunch: NHAI might provide some relief to IL&FS

‘The Authority is likely to make payments for portion of completed projects’

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE NATIONAL Highways Authority of India (NHAI) may provide some relief to the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) group in order to ease the liquidity crunch faced by the company and enable it to complete projects. IL&FS group companies have been awarded contracts for key infra projects, which are now stalled due to the fund crunch at the group. These projects include the Rs 5,000 crore worth of Zojila tunnel and Z-Morh tunnel near Sonmarg in Jammu and Kashmir, and a number road and other projects across the country (see chart).

A director with the former board of the IL&FS group told *The Indian Express* that of the IL&FS group's total receivables, it has payment dues of around Rs 15,000-16,000 crore from the NHAI. "Usually, NHAI does not make payments unless 100 per cent of the work is completed," the official said. Government sources said the NHAI may provide partial relief to the company by making some payments for portion of completed projects after an independent evaluation at the ground level.

Road transport and highways

SOME OF THE KEY PENDING INFRA PROJECTS OF IL&FS GROUP

- Zojila tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir
- Z-Morh tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir
- Barwa Adda-Panagarh in Jharkhand and West Bengal
- Kiratpur Ner Chowk

- in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh
- Patna-Gaya-Dobhi in Bihar
- Gujarat border Fagne-Maharashtra
- Amravati-Chikli in Maharashtra

minister Nitin Gadkari said on Friday the government is open to suggestions from the new management of IL&FS to revive its infrastructure schemes. "It is not our work to stall road projects. Our work is to complete projects in time within the ambit of rules and regulations. If any company or any contractor, facing obstacles comes we will try to find out a solution," Gadkari said on the sidelines of India-Russia Business summit Friday, as per a PTI report.

IL&FS secured the construction, operation and maintenance contract of the 14-km long two-lane bi-directional Zojila Tunnel with Parallel Escape (Egress) Tunnel, to be built over seven years and involving an estimated cost of Rs 4,899 Crore. On May 19, 2018, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for this project, which the company pegged as the longest road tunnel in Southeast Asia. Apart from this project, the group's many other projects are facing financial difficulties and need funding support for timely completion.

"Three of the company's projects, namely the Fagne-Songadh and Amravati-Chikli road projects and the Srinagar Sonamarg Tunnel project are awaiting financial closure even after three years. As a consequence, the funding has been partly done by the Company with the IL&FS Group's support and through bill discounting facilities that has further strained cash flows," IL&FS Transportation Networks noted in its annual report for 2017-18.

Lack of equity funding for projects such as Ranchi Ring Road has also delayed drawdown of loans sanctioned by the lenders, which has hampered progress. Other projects Kiratpur Ner Chowk, Khed Sinnar and Barwa Adda are stalled due to delay in land acquisition and bankers refusal to fund these.

On Monday, the government appointed a six-member board led by Kotak Mahindra Bank Managing Director Uday Kotak to takeover the management of IL&FS following an order by the National Company Law Tribunal's Mumbai bench. The supersession of the board was the necessary first step towards restoring the confidence of the financial market in the IL&FS Group, the government had said. After the first meeting of the new board Thursday, Kotak said: "We're evaluating options to ensure that the fair value of the asset and the enterprise is preserved to the maximum extent that we can do and find a fair resolution mechanism."

IL&FS group has a total debt of around Rs 91,000 crore and it has to repay around Rs 2,500 crore to banks and debt paper holders by March 31, 2019. The company has been defaulting on its repayments in recent weeks, creating a scare in the financial markets.

‘Corporate lending: Troubles at NBFCs may help banks get lost share’

The deepening crisis in the NBFCs space may help commercial banks re-emerge as a primary source of lending for companies, as the former fight for survival under more regulatory glare, says Singaporean brokerage DBS

The “genesis” of the crisis at non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) like infra lender IL&FS is the rapid pace of rise in their share in financial intermediation since 2014, when commercial banks began battling NPAs

BANK SHARE

- In FY17, the share of bank funding to the commercial sector dropped to 34% from 55% a year ago and has come back to 50% in FY18
- In FY19, the share of domestic banks is expected to re-emerge as a primary source of funding



to the commercial sector, over bond markets and non-bank entities

■ Banks will achieve this despite as many as 11 state-run lenders are under the prompt corrective action initiated by the Reserve

Bank of India which comes with curbs in lending, it says

■ This will be possible because of rising markets-based borrowing costs, tighter liquidity conditions and the efforts undertaken to resolve asset quality issues

THE SUPPORT

■ The NBFCs thrived on ample support from global funds and lighter regulations, but they are likely to face greater scrutiny now. They rely heavily on the wholesale markets for their borrowings which have seen a rise in yields

■ The excess borrowing over the past few years has also increased their leverage ratios which will limit the extent of support they can give to the commercial sector

BULLION MARKET WATCH

GOLD RISES ON JEWELLERS’ BUYING

Gold prices recovered by Rs 50 to reach Rs 31,900 per 10 grams at the New Delhi bullion market on Saturday, on firm trend overseas amid fresh buying by local jewellers. Silver too rebounded by Rs 550 to Rs 39,800 per kg on the back of increased offtake by coin makers. PTI

Jaitley: Some more measures on the anvil to narrow CAD

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

ASSERTING THAT the government is determined to meet the fiscal deficit target, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley Saturday said some more steps are on the anvil to narrow the current account deficit (CAD) and bolster forex inflows.

Speaking at the HT Leadership Summit here, he said India will continue to be the leading destination of foreign direct investment despite the adverse global situation.

However, he said, there could be some transient problem in foreign portfolio investment but these would not continue depending on the global situation.

The finance minister said maintaining fiscal prudence is one of the top priorities of this government.

“One of the top priorities was and I do believe in that

‘No going back on deregulation of oil prices’

New Delhi: The government on Saturday sought to assure investors that the government would not go back to regulating fuel prices, a day after oil company shares tumbled on concerns about a return to a regime that has hurt their profits in the past. “Let me categorically assure all that there is no going back on deregulation of oil prices,” Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said in a Facebook post on Saturday. REUTERS

maintaining fiscal prudence always helps and you can afford to take liberties only when fiscal position is strong and not otherwise,” he said.

“Gradually on fiscal deficit

we had glide down from 4.6 per cent we are now targeting 3.3 per cent (of GDP) this year and I am quite certain with the kind of revenue coming particularly from the direct taxes, we will achieve that,” he said.

As far as current account deficit (CAD) is concerned, Jaitley said it is linked to global oil prices because forex is mostly spent on crude.

“The way the (crude oil) prices are going up, the highest in the last 4 years, it is going to be some adverse impact on the CAD. Now we are trying our best to take measures to narrow it.

“Some more steps are likely but there are two factors... external one is the oil prices and second is the policy with the United States which is leading to hardening of the dollar itself therefore adversely impacting all currencies of the world,” he said.

He, however, did not disclose steps to be taken by the government for narrowing CAD.

‘Software, consumer items, fintech account for 63% of venture funding’

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 6

THREE SECTORS — namely software and internet services, consumer products and services, and fintech and payments — account for 63 per cent of the companies nationally that received venture funding, according to a study by the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M).

The institute released its 10th annual report on Indian venture capital and private equity focusing on ‘The Success and Impact of Start-Ups’ during TIECON Chennai 2018, the annual entrepreneurship conference of TIE Chennai on Saturday.

The 2018 report has identified the factors associated with successful ventures in different stages of their lifecycle. This would help the entrepreneurs to better prepare their ventures for success and thus enhance the impact that can be achieved.

20-25% ABLE TO PROVIDE AN EXIT

AMONG THOSE that receive venture funding, only a modest percentage has been able to get subsequent rounds of funding. And among those start-ups that get funded by venture capital, only about 20-25% are able to provide an exit

Editor and co-author of the publication since its inception in 2009, Prof Thillai Rajan, department of management studies, IIT Madras, and co-founder YNOS.IN, and associate at Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, said, “Start-ups have captured the imagination of many, namely, government, investors, students and

entrepreneurs, because of the impact they have been able to create in different sectors and areas of policy importance.”

Rajan added that, however, to be able to create an impact, the start-ups have to be successful. Venture capital investment is dominant only in few of the sectors. Among those that receive venture funding, only a modest percentage has been able to get subsequent rounds of funding. And among those start-ups that get funded by venture capital, only about 20-25 per cent are able to provide an exit. The end game, or the exit strategy, has to be clear upfront, given the strong relationship between sector, type of exit, duration of investment and returns.

The study found that only a small proportion of the companies formed are successful in getting venture capital. A few sectors dominate the list of companies that get venture funding. FE

United States eyes anti-China ‘poison pill’ for new trade pacts

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6

US COMMERCE Secretary Wilbur Ross signalled on Friday that Washington may flex its muscle with additional trading partners in order to exert pressure on China to open its markets, saying that a “poison pill” provision in the recently completed pact with Canada and Mexico could be replicated.

Ross said in an interview that the provision was “another move to try to close loopholes” in trade deals that have served to “legitimise” China’s trade, intellectual property and industrial subsidy practices.

The United States is now in the early stages of talks with Japan and the European Union to lower tariff and regulatory barriers and try to reduce large US trade deficits in autos and other goods.

If the EU and Japan signed on to provisions similar to the one in the new US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), it would signal that they are fully aligned with Washington in trying to increase pressure on China, the world’s No. 2 economy, for major economic policy changes.

The provision in USMCA, which is expected to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, effectively gives Washington a veto over Canada and Mexico’s other free trade partners to ensure that they are governed by market principles and lack the state dominance that is at the core of President Donald Trump’s tariff war against China. Under the provision, if any of the three countries in the USMCA enters a trade deal with a “non-market country,” the other two are free to quit in six months and form their own bilateral trade deal.

“It’s logical, it’s a kind of a poison pill,” Ross said. Ross, asked if the provision would be

US IN EARLY STAGES OF TALKS WITH JAPAN, EU

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repeated in future trade deals, said: “We shall see. It certainly helps that we got it with Mexico and with Canada, independently of whether we get it with anyone else.”

He added that with a precedent now set, it will be easier for the provision to be added to other trade deals. “People can come to understand that this is one of your prerequisites to make a deal,” he said.

Hanging over the talks with the EU and with Japan is the threat of a 25 per cent US tariff on imported autos and auto parts as the Commerce Department pursues a study on whether such imports pose a national security threat. The USMCA deal largely exempts Canada and Mexico from such tariffs.

The United States cited national security concerns when it announced tariffs on imported steel and aluminum from a number of countries in early March. Ross said Canada and Mexico are effectively “really not in a position to object to (the national security tariffs) anymore because they’ve signed an agreement that says if we put them in we’ll exempt the first 2.6 million” vehicle imports from each country. Ross declined to discuss timing for releasing the “Section 232” auto probe’s findings, noting that Trump has said he would not impose car tariffs while the EU and Japan talks are under way.

But in a signal that the probe could take longer, Ross said the Commerce Department was

now incorporating details on autos trade from the USMCA deal, including new provisions that will effectively require more automotive content to be made in the US. Ross also said Japan should take steps to “move manufacturing into the US” to cut its \$40 billion automotive trade surplus with the United States. He declined to say if the Trump administration would seek a voluntary autos export cap from Japan.

“The methodology that we’ll use will be determined by the negotiations. There are plenty of ways you can solve things,” Ross said. “We want more production of everything in the US. That’s our theme song with everybody.”

Ross said he did not expect much movement on China trade talks until after the Nov. 6 congressional elections, adding that Chinese officials do not appear in a mood to talk at the moment. He said the view among some Chinese officials that Trump will be weakened by Democratic Party gains in Congress is a miscalculation, because “the real farmers, the real ranchers are hanging in there” and are not likely to turn away from Trump and Republicans in Congress.

The November elections are being closely watched to see if the Democrats can wrest control of the Senate or the House of Representatives from Republicans. Some of the key races are in states and Congressional districts where farming dominates and that had voted for Trump in 2016.

Uttarakhand to hold its first-ever investors’ summit

KAVITA UPADHYAY
DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 6

TO ATTRACT investments in sectors including tourism, health and wellness, pharmaceuticals, food processing, film shooting, biotechnology, and renewable energy, Uttarakhand will host its first-ever investors’ conclave — “Destination Uttarakhand: Investors Summit” — on Sunday and Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Dehradun on Sunday to inaugurate the conclave.

Ahead of the summit, Chief Minister Trivendra Rawat told re-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the two-day conclave in Dehradun

porters that memoranda of understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 75,500 crore had already been signed, which include an investment proposal of Rs 27,000 crore in the solar power sector, Rs 14,000 crore investment in the health sector, Rs 11,000 crore investment in the manufacturing sector, Rs 13,000 crore investment in the tourism sector, Rs 5,500 crore investment in the IT sector,

and Rs 5,000 crore investment in the food processing sector.

In July and August this year, mini-conclaves were held in Bhimtal, Tehri, Haridwar, and Rudrapur to attract investments in tourism sector, health and wellness, AYUSH, and food processing and automobiles, respectively. In August roadshows were held in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Delhi

to highlight investment opportunities in the state.

Currently, work is in progress to sign MoUs of an additional Rs 5,000 crore, Rawat said, adding that 13,860 locals will be “benefitted” from the industries that will be set up across the state as a result of the investments that will be made.

The summit will witness industrialists from ITC Limited, Reliance Industries Limited, Azure Power, Pawan Hans, Amul, Vardhman, and Hero MotoCorp.

Investors from Japan, Czech Republic, Argentina, Mauritius and Nepal will also participate in

the two-day summit.

The two-day investors summit will conclude on Monday with the closing session being chaired by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal, Food Processing Minister Harisimrat Kaur Badal, IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism K J Alphons, and Minister of State for Commerce and Industry C R Chaudhary will also participate in various sessions held during the investors summit.

CRUDE OIL IMPORTS

‘US actively considering waivers on Iran sanctions’

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6

THE TRUMP administration is actively considering waivers on sanctions it will reimpose next month for countries that are reducing their imports of Iranian oil, a US government official said on Friday.

The administration withdrew from a deal over Tehran’s nuclear programme in May and is unilaterally reimposing sanctions on Iran’s crude oil consumers on November 4. The sanctions aim to force Tehran to stop its involvement in conflicts in Syria and Iraq and halt its ballistic missile programme. Iran says it has abided by the 2015 nuclear deal, which was struck with five other world powers, besides the United States.

The administration is “in

tion (in the future) on the number of days one can work in a week. “Our (in India) strategy should be maintain external sector balance and generate enough domestic demand and domestic supply... I believe that should be one thing which have to be clear. Not that we don’t believe in globalisation, global integration,” he said. Demographic transition is stretched in India which would be an advantage, he said.

On agriculture, he said the big problem is that agriculture cannot be commercialised unless it is “reasonably” immunised from risks. The risks lay in “policy-induced risk” (uncertainty originating in policies) and uncertainty about availability of water in irrigation systems, quality of seed, quality of fertilisers, MSP and export policy, he said.

If the regulator and government could not agree and cannot agree, what is the truth? The truth is that there is a problem of dual control. Narasimhan committee recommended 20 years ago, please end this. Till today, it has not ended

Y V REDDY
FORMER RBI GOVERNOR

creation, he said, quoting from a recent international conference, the likely scenario from a global situation is that “most probably either 20-30 per cent employed, rest of them cannot be employed because technology will replace”. There could also be a restric-



BRIDGE

At times, it pays to be an optimist on bridge table. When you a certain lay out for your contract to succeed, just assume it is there and plan your play accordingly.
Dir: North; Vul: N-S; IMPs

NORTH			
♠	A1054		
♥	43		
♦	KJ9		
♣	7654		
SOUTH (you)			
♥	5632		
♠	A10		
♦	AQ10		
♣	A932		
SOUTH WEST			
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2S	♠	Pass	3♣
4S	♠	All Pass	

Opening lead: HK Say you win the H A and duck a club to East's J. East cashes the HJ and exits with the C K, to your ace, West playing the ten. Wondering about spades? O.K, the time has come; you play the S K and East plays the jack. When you continue with a second spade, West plays low, of course. Which spade do you play from dummy, and worse, why?

This one's a gimme. You can't make the hand if the SJ is a singleton as you will have a natural spade loser to go along with a heart and two club losers. The only hope to make your contract is that East has QJ doubleton so rise with the ace. Play to make!

The West hand: S - 987H - KQ82 D - 876 C - Q108
The East hand: S - QJ H - J10762 D - 5432 C - KJ

Your problem for the week:
Dir: South; Vul: N-S; IMPs

NORTH		SOUTH (YOU)	
♠	5432	♠	AKJ108
♥	None	♥	AK
♦	7632	♦	AQJ5
♣	J8643	♣	9

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣ (1)	2H	Pass	4H
4♣	5C	5♠	6H
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
All Pass			

(1) Artificial
Opening lead: CA
East plays the C K and West shifts to the H Q. Plan the play.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

I show you __, to prove that __ exists. - Robert Browning (5,...5)

LVAIO	BELODH
RYTTU	ELOUBF

SOLUTION: VOLA/IOLA, RUTTY, BEHOUD, BEFOUL
Answer: I show you doubt, to prove that faith exists. - Robert Browning



HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT
NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
PALIKA KENDRA, NEW DELHI-110001

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender ID No. 2018 NDMC 159824_1

Name of Work: M/o Parks and Garden 2018-19.
Sub-Head: Supply of Ficus Panda Plants in NDMC Area
Estimated cost : ₹19,50,000/-

Tender ID No. 2018 NDMC 159825_1

Name of Work: M/o Parks and Garden 2018-19.
Sub-Head: Supply of Procurement of Plastic Pots in Different Size Pots.
Estimated cost : ₹11,34,200/-

Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : **06.10.2018**

Last date/time for receipt of tender through e-procurement solution : **15.10.2018 at 3:00 PM**

Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system Government of NCT in Delhi is mandatory.

Director (H-South)

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Deputy Director, Horticulture, Horticulture Division-III, CPWD, New Delhi on behalf of the President of India invites **ONLINE PERCENTAGE RATE TENDERS** from approved & eligible **Contractors** registered in **Nursery Category** of CPWD upto 11.00 A.M on **15.10.2018** for the following works:-

1. NIT No.: **167/2018-19/DD/HD-III/DELHI/1**
Name of Work:- M/o Garden area attached to different Residential area under Horticulture Sub-Division-1/III, C.P.W.D., New Delhi Dg. 2018-19 (SH: Providing and displaying of Poinsettia plants), Estimated Cost Rs. 11,10,690/-, Earnest Money Rs. 22,214/-, Period for completion- 01 (One) Month.

2. NIT No.: **168/2018-19/DD/HD-III/DELHI/1**
Name of Work:- M/o Garden area attached to different Residential area under Horticulture Sub-Division-1/III, C.P.W.D., New Delhi Dg. 2018-19 (SH: Providing and displaying of Winter Seasonal Plants), Estimated Cost Rs. 7,28,350/-, Earnest Money Rs. 14,567/-, Period for completion - 02 (Two) Months.

Last date of online submission of tender 15.10.2018 upto 11:00 A.M. and date of opening is 15.10.2018 at 11:30 A.M. The tender form and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd or www.cpwd.gov.in

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROJECT OFFICER FISHERIES, MARKETING/AQUARIUM, JAMMU

Tender Notice

For and on behalf of the Governor of J&K State, Sealed Tenders affixed with Revenue Stamp worth Rs. 5/- are invited from Registered/ Authorized Dealers and Suppliers for Supply of Chemicals, Glassware's etc. required at Marketing/ Aquarium-cum-Awareness Centre for the Calendar Year 2018-19 on Annual Rates Contract Basis.

The Tenders documents containing details of Specification, Term and Condition and other details can be obtained from the Office of Chief Projects Officer Fisheries Marketing/ Aquarium, Jammu against payment of Tender Fee Rs. 500/- Non-refundable in shape of Cash from 04.10.2018 to 18.10.2018. Tender Documents shall however be issued after production of the below mentioned documents.

- Sales Tax Registration Certificate.
- Tax Clearance Certificate latest.
- Valid License.

The Tenders shall be address to Chief Projects Officer, Fisheries Marketing/ Aquarium, Jammu accompanied by CDR of Scheduled Bank for Rs. 6,000/-. The Tenders shall be received at Chief Projects Officer, Fisheries Marketing/ Aquarium, Jammu upto 18.10.2018 upto 04.00 P.M. The Tenders shall be Opened on 22.10.2018 at 02.00 P.M. or any other date convenient to Tender Opening Authority in presence of the Tenderers who may like to be present. The other terms and conditions are mentioned in detailed tender document.

No. CPO/M/A/J/2018-19/811-15
Dated: 03.10.2018
DIPJ-3129

Sd/-
Chief Project Officer Fisheries, Marketing/Aquarium, Jammu.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2185

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Money charged by P & T Department, in a way ? (7)
- Madrid language (7)
- Century plant (5)
- Reykjavik is a capital place for him ? (9)
- "Helmet" changed for the girl (6)
- Bruise, injure or mangle (8)
- Displays in old-fashioned English ? (5)
- Calls a person by a specific name ? (9)
- Ice hockey moves (4,5)
- Hurry to Shakespeare (5)
- Having suffered a loss of one's near and dear one ? (8)
- Cause to go (6)
- A value greater than nothing or nil ? (5,4)
- Free from frost (5)
- Fixed in one's ways (7)
- Short races (7)

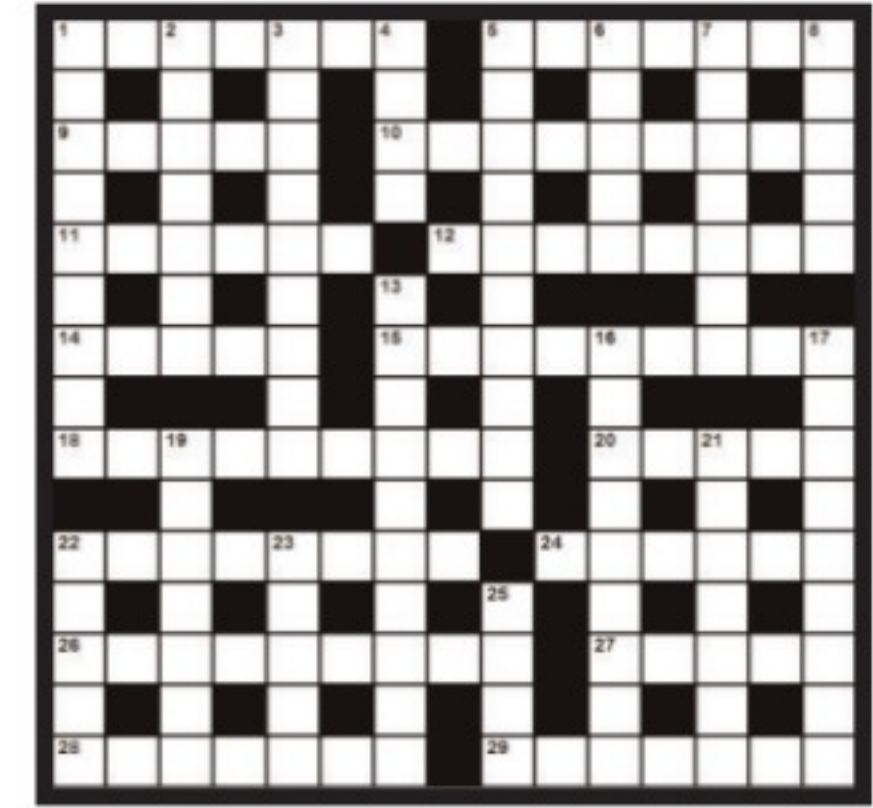
DOWN

- Rehearses; tries to be perfect, should we say ? (9)
- Adjective for Chang and Eng (7)
- Types of tropical herbs (9)
- Her "What I Am" is truly Bohemian (4)
- She attends to you on flights (10)
- It's ___ ! (1,4)
- Red ___ : not us, actually Americans ? (7)
- American actor and dramatist (5)
- They are used to measure the pressure of gases and liquids (10)
- One who lives in the poorer and densely-populated part of London (4,5)
- Arant, brazen or corrupt (9)
- Landing strip at Sahar, for one ? (7)
- Of or relating to George Bernard Shaw or his works - "a vanish" anagram (7)
- ___ down on : approaches rapidly or purposefully ? (5)
- Dancer Fred's sister (5)
- Round Table knight - "robs" anagram ? (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Current surplus of beer, for example (7)
- Hoards the empty spot for the residue (7)
- Sets of rules not, easy to break (5)
- Carried back to ring leader who won't hand out praise (9)
- Given a yellow card, with some reservation (6)
- The way the world goes round (8)
- Yearly Aida opening is dropped, so



- cancel (5)
- Racket involved Number 1, and is getting upset over the loch (9)
- One's tried for a military and domestic offence (9)
- Check on drivers - not a choice selection (5)
- Died from hypothermia ? (8)
- Nocturnal animal is, like us, so retiring in the afternoon (6)
- Not again as the raven said (9)
- Don't remain wide-eyed with astonishment ! (5)
- Fixes a slight damage to the body work ? (7)
- One said to be cheese-paring is offering more (7)

DOWN:

- Shirk selection meeting, which keeps one out of the mire (9)
- Shortly to receive military award, etc (3,2,2)
- Begone, witch, and spread the word ! (9)
- Uses method of drying that is really Edward's (4)
- Places where jobs are available (10)
- Anticipate arrival at a western isle (5)
- Swift seller (3,4)
- Begot but is back in sign of danger ? (5)
- Crying perhaps about Jedi turning to corrupt crimes (6,4)
- Having done wrong, Br. Lou is confused there (2,7)

Solutions to 2184

QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Cravat, 4 Menelaus, 10 Santara, 11 Elektra, 12 Awed, 13 Pertinence, 16 Eleven, 17 Anemone, 20 Java Sea, 21 Geneva, 24 Ostracises, 25 Airne, 27 Selling, 29 Elopers, 30 Serotopy, 31 Heated. **Down:** 1 Cascaded, 2 Annie Besant, 3 Adar, 5 Ejecting, 6 Even number, 7 Agt, 8 Snared, 9 Faces, 14 Non-resident, 15 Separatist, 18 Sewing up, 19 Carressed, 22 Boosts, 23 Fates, 26 Bone, 28 Ldr. **CRYPTIC CLUES Across:** 1 Bubble, 4 Trinkets, 10 Erotica, 11 Conifer, 12 Tyke, 13 Bear with me, 16 Erenow, 17 Feelers, 20 Tempted, 21 In situ, 24 Inspection, 25 Ogle, 27 Hot meal, 29 Slipout, 30 Dry-stone, 31 Meters. **Down:** 1 Breather, 2 Bookkeepers, 3 Loin, 5 Recorded, 6 Nonvictid, 7 Elf, 8 Screen, 9 Faced, 14 Herring bone, 15 Complement, 18 Ventolin, 19 Juvenuts, 22 Wished, 23 Boost, 26 Cite, 28 Tay.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday October 7

The truth of a romantic and personal connection will now begin to dawn on you. The real question is do you wish to spend the rest of your life with someone special, or not. You'll be inclined to take such decisions on practical grounds.

Monday October 8

The current planetary set-up is sociable, romantic and seductive. It pays to actively go off in search of pleasure. A wild element encourages restless instincts.

Tuesday October 9

You're in a romantic mood, prepared to see the best in everyone. Your belief that the world can be a better place will carry you through the next twelve months.

Wednesday October 10

You're looking ahead and are in a freedom-loving mood, ready and willing to transcend the limits of your existence.

Thursday October 11

The future is yours. As the Moon weaves among the other planets, what seemed like a waste of time will once again look like a welcome opportunity.

Friday October 12

You will soon show a willingness to take the advice of relatives and close companions. With every day that passes it becomes clear that someone else's insights may be more incisive than yours.

Saturday October 13

You're moving decisively into one of those secretive phases for which you're famous. Keep yourself to yourself but take a close partner into your confidence.

SUDOKU 3632

Difficulty Level 5s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3631



कार्यालय नगर परिषद्, कैथल ई-टेंडरिंग

नगर परिषद् कैथल क्षेत्र में करवाए जाने वाले विकास कार्यों हेतु निविदा/टेंडर दिनांक 05.10.2018 से 15.10.2018 तक ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की गई हैं। विकास कार्यों का विवरण व शर्तों आदि का पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाइट: <https://mckaithal.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध हैं। शेष शर्तें किसी भी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय नगर परिषद् कैथल में देखी जा सकती हैं।

हस्ता./- कार्यकारी अधिकारी, नगर परिषद् कैथल।

72523/HRY.

केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग
ई-निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

The Assistant Engineer(E)-VI, ECD-III, CPWD, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on behalf of the President of India invites online percentage rate e-tender from the registered CPWD contractors in appropriate class of "Composite Category for S.No.1 and The Assistant Engineer(E)-I, ECD-III, CPWD, Block No.11 Ground Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (Ph:011-24360040) on behalf of President of India invites online Percentage rate bid from the OEM/ Authorized dealers of Selvon/C-MOS/PCI make Automatic Three Phase Sequence Correcor for S.No.2 of the following works:

- NIT No.85/EE(E)/ECD-III(AE)-VI/2018-19 Name of Work: RMO various E&M Services of MiitY building CGO Complex at Lodhi Road, New Delhi. (SH: Providing lift floor status display boards for lift no.5) Estimated Cost: ₹ 5,60,099/- Earnest Money: ₹ 11,202/- Period of Completion: 01 Month
- NIT No.87/EE(E)/ECD-III(AE)-I/2018-19 Name of Work: RMO 3x110 TR Air Conditioning Plant installed for BSF, BPR&D, DCPW, DSFF at CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. (SH: SITC of 100 Amp sequence corrector in AHU's of Block No.09) Estimated Cost: ₹ 5,18,676/- Earnest Money: ₹ 10,374/- Period of Completion: 1 Month

Last date & time of submission of bids: 15-10-2018 up to 15.00 hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd, www.cpwd.gov.in

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
BOMDILA DIVISION: PWD: AP: BOMDILA
PHONE & FAX # 03782-222167(O)
PHONE # 03782-222044 (R)
Email: eepwdbdl@gmail.com
Notice Inviting e-Tenders

The Executive Engineer, Bomdila Division, PWD, AP, Arunachal Pradesh, Bomdila, invites on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh online item rate bids on two bid system from all registered Contractor in Class-I and Contractors eligible for National & International competitive bidding for following work:-

NIT No. : BD/T&A-149/2018-19

Name of work : Improvement of Road from 9 Mile point of Bomdila-Tawang road to Salari- Nafra road (36.00 Km) in West Kameng District (Ph-I) 0.00 to 20.00 Km under Economic Importance Scheme in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. (Job No. EIA/R/P-17/018)

Estimated Cost : ₹ 71,18,52,000.00 (Rupees Seventy One Crore Eighteen Lakh fifty Two Thousand) only

Earnest Money : ₹ 71,20,000.00 (Rupees seventy one lakh twenty thousand) only

Period of completion : 18 (eighteen) months.

Start time and date of submission of bid : 08.10.2018 from 1000 hrs.

Last time and date of submission of bid : 28.10.2018 upto 1100 hrs.


The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The Press Notice is also available at the same website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Bomdila Division,
PWD, AP, Bomdila

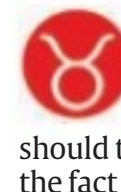
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YOUR WEEK AHEAD


ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

 Now that the Sun is in such a prominent position, new light should be shed on a long-standing ambition. You can actually press ahead as fast as you can and achieve things which you never thought possible. You will receive support from an overseas connection.


TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

 You never believed that you would have everything all your own way, but you should try not to be put out by the fact that other people are inclined to oppose your plans, or by the ease with which they seem to win the argument. It is time for you to put partners in first place and take a minor role yourself.


GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

 Jupiter, the great ruler of good fortune, is moving your way, so you can afford to be optimistic about the future. This noble planet has been playing a complicated game and although you have had good reason to feel let down lately you must keep your confidence up. You will receive your rewards soon.


CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

 This is a relatively quiet time astrologically, although the Moon is encouraging partners to stand up for themselves, and that might present you with one or two headaches. One good piece of news is that Venus, planet of love and romance, is now making a positive aspect to your sign.


LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

 Now that Mercury has taken up a supportive relationship with your sign, you will find it easier to take decisions and reach agreements. The Moon will be helpfully aligned for much of the week, so use your time to get family affairs in order.


VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

 The pressure at home should definitely be easing up by now. If you still feel that tensions are high, don't worry. Now that Saturn is moving on and Jupiter is about to change its position, you can afford to be confident. This is due in part to your skillful organisation.


LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

 This could be an argumentative period, not something that you would normally relish. However, if you take a little care in your relationships, refusing to rise to other people's provocation then, in your turn, you will give them no cause to complain about your behaviour.

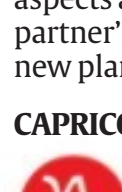
SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

 Just as Mercury, the planet of wit and repartee, makes one set of aspects, so Venus, the ruler of love, forms another. You may find that you're a lot less concerned with what partners think, and much more aware of how they feel. In other words, you have no reason to complain that Fate is out to do you down.


SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

 This is an excellent time to take decisions, attend interviews, suggest proposals and generally sell your ideas on all subjects to anybody who is prepared to give you a hearing. You, more than anybody, will benefit from brilliant planetary aspects and may well secure a partner's support for a new plan.


CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

 Many astrologers believe that you are a conservative and cautious person. How wrong they are! In fact, your current crop of Solar and Lunar alignments suggests that you will be prepared to push yourself to the front of the queue, laying your ambitions on the line.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

 You should try paying a little more attention to your career and worldly ambitions. Although your general pattern for the year indicates great independence, this week is no time to go it alone if other people are queuing up to help you.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

 Although you are often inclined to feel sorry for yourself, you should have much to be glad for. Your romantic life seems to be picking up and your financial situation is definitely showing signs of improvement.

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT/2018-19/2399-21 **निविदा सूचना संख्या:-** /18-19 **Date:** 05.10.2018

निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के अधिकाधिकी विषयों द्वारा पंजीकृत एवं अनुबंधी संस्थानों से निविदा प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्चरमेंट प्रणाली हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित राशि (₹)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Construction of proposed Indoor Badminton Hall at SMS Stadium, Jaipur. L&C	265.00 Lacs	अप्रकाशित ई-284/18-19
Internal Electrical work for 6 Nos. Cader Hotel, 2 BHK and 3 BHK Quarters at Sanak School, Jaipur. (S.No. 1) UEN: RRC1819WS0800777	306.50 Lacs	अप्रकाशित ई-287/18-19

निविदा के संबंधित महत्वपूर्ण बातें और शर्तें निम्नलिखित वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध हैं। <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर दस्तावेज का निम्नानुसार उपलब्ध है। <http://www.sicommoeof.in> पर शर्तें देखें।

साक्षात्कार:

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.
(A State Govt. Undertaking)
CORRIGENDUM

The last date for sale, receipt & opening of the Tender for the "Repair/Replacement, Testing and Commissioning of Damaged parts of 6.6/33KV, 4.9 MVA Generator Transformer Make Voltas Ltd. installed at Baner Power House Under Resident Engineer, Baner Power House Division, HPSEBL, Jila" is hereby extended i.e. sale up to 12.10.2018 by 4.00 PM, receipt up to 17.10.2018 at 05.00 PM and opening on 18.10.2018 at 11.30 AM. All other terms and conditions of the NIT No. SE/GCP-02/2018-19 shall remain unchanged. This NIT is available at HPSEBL website i.e. www.tenderwizard.com/hpsobl

Sd/-
(**Er. S.K. Verma**), Superintending Engineer, Generation Circle, HPSEBL, Palampur-176061 (HP)

Save Energy for the Benefit of Self and Nation

SOCIETY OF INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT (SICOM)
(Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)
111, First Floor, Pandit Deen Dayal Aantodaya Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Reference No. NPMU/G/2018/2

INVITATION FOR TENDER
INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICE AND IT EQUIPMENT FOR SICOM OFFICE

SICOM is inviting Tender for supply and installation of office and IT equipments.

Relevant Tender document, qualifications criteria and terms & conditions etc. may be downloaded from site: www.sicommoeof.in and www.ncscm.res.in.

Project Director, SICOM

MANPOWER REQUIRED

Sealed tenders are invited from Government approved, Registered, License Holders Manpower supply vendors /Service Providers for providing the following services.

- Maintenance/ Cleanliness in premises.
- Horticulture services.
- Security Services.
- Housekeeping Services etc.

Sealed tenders should reach the undersigned with the subscription "tender for providing Services" by 22/10/2018, 4:00 PM.

Last date of collecting tender document from the College on payment of Rs 500/-, 19.10.2018.

Date of opening tender in presence of service providing agencies: 23.10.2018

Principal,
Government College Kharkhara (Rewari)

72514/HRY.

UJVN LTD.
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharanji Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763508, 2763808 & Fax- 0135-2763507
CIN No. U40101UR200156CG2586. Website: www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com

CORRIGENDUM

In NIT No.07/SPH/2018-19, section VI Technical specification Terms & conditions S.no.3, , " Net amount of electrodes to be used in unit 1,2 &3 are approximately 145kg,165kg & 190kg respectively" is to be read as, " Net amount of electrodes to be used in unit 1,2 &3 are approximately 303kg,314kg & 314.7kg respectively". All other terms & condition shall remain same.

For eligibility criteria and fuller and further details kindly visit our website ["www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com"](http://www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com) (Bidders are advised to regularly visit our web site for tender notice) Tenders can only be downloaded from our website & their cost has been to be paid at the time of submission.

Letter No. 632 Dated 06.10.2018 **Executive Engineer (M&G)**

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

20 SPORTSLINE



Limba Ram is the chief coach at the Jagatpura archery range in Jaipur. Rohit Jain Paras

A Quiver Full of Harrows

Limba Ram arrived with a blaze of promise in 1992 at the Barcelona Olympics where Archery dazzled, and he almost medalled. The 46-year-old was recently diagnosed with a neuro degenerative illness. NIHAL KOSHIE meets the legend-turned-coach, coping with the journey from blinding light of the past to the dark dread of the future.

LIMBA RAM wears a genuine smile as he walks up a flight of stairs at the entrance of the archery range at Jagatpura on the outskirts of Jaipur. For most of the past week, Limba, the superstar-archer who captured the imagination of the nation in his heyday as he journeyed from a tribal village to a near-tryst with an Olympic medal, has been bed-ridden. His right-side — from face to feet — were limp and paralysed and he couldn't talk. If he tried to stand up, he would deflate like a balloon which had lost air.

Limba is in high spirits. He is tentative as he walks down the steps. There is no sign of the neuro-degenerative disease, which has afflicted him. Till he sits down in his office room and starts talking. The speech is slurred at times and he can be incoherent. Yet like a radio frequency that suddenly springs back to life he becomes audible again, even a little too loud when he insists that 'this is a good day' for him.

"If you had come a few days earlier, you perhaps would have not got a word out of me," Limba says. He mock-strangulates himself for a second or two to demonstrate how difficult it can be for him to utter two words when his voice box is jammed. "Today I am able to sit and will talk to you for hours. Hopefully, I won't bore you," he says laughing. For a man diagnosed with an illness, which cannot be cured but only controlled at best, Limba retains a sense of humour.

The alarm bells went off in March during a routine training session. The voice of the state academy's chief coach suddenly turned garbled and he lost his balance. Limba brushed it aside. His wife Merian Jenny would have none of it. The 46-year-old was admitted to the city's Sawai Man Singh Hospital and after a series of tests, the diagnosis pointed towards multiple system atrophy. For a man diagnosed with an illness, which cannot be cured but only controlled at best, Limba retains a sense of humour.

"What is most frustrating is that I have lost strength in my right shoulder. So I cannot pull the bow string. Basically, I cannot use the bow and my grip is weak. I can't propel an arrow towards the target. My hand-eye coordination is poor. When an archer cannot use his bow and arrow, he becomes half the person he was," Limba says with a touch of resignation.

Nowadays Limba does not venture out of the academy premises as a precaution except when accompanied by someone when he visits a doctor or a physiotherapist. "He has fallen when trying to walk up the steps to the

archery range. He can suddenly lose his bearings," his wife Jenny says. The couple have been allotted make-shift quarters within the archery range.

This evening he is itching to watch the trainees practice and takes the effort to climb a flight of stairs. "I don't like anyone holding me. If I fall, I fall. Limba Ram is not so weak that a fall will affect him," he says adamant.

On seeing Limba, the budding archers make a beeline towards him. One by one they hurry to touch the feet of the revered coach, even as he directs them to quickly get back to their routine. There is genuine warmth and excitement among the trainees on seeing the legendary archer because these days he is not as regular as he used to be at the range. "These kids used to run away on seeing me," Limba says jokingly, adding "that is how hard I used to make them train. Nowadays they get off lightly."

He spends half an hour going around the range, watching the trainees practice and correcting their technique before deciding to call it a day.

Limba says he has been ill before. Six years ago when he was India's chief coach at the London Olympics he was sick. After a bout of vomiting which lasted two days, he was bed-ridden he says even as the Games were in progress. In 1996 too, Limba recalls that his body was sapped of all energy but back then nobody could put a finger on what caused the extreme fatigue. This year is the first time he consulted a team of doctors. That's when he was diagnosed with the neuro degenerative disease.

Limba was named Arjun Ram at birth and was one of five children. He was renamed Limba after the local deity, when he recovered from chronic fatigue when he was still a toddler.

According to the last census data (2011), Saradeet village, Limba's birthplace, has a population of 1,386, a majority of them who fall under the schedule tribe category. The village, with 267 households, is in Jhadol tehsil in Udaipur district and has a literacy rate of below 50 percent. The village was electrified and a pakka road was laid at the height of Limba's fame when he missed a bronze at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics by a single point.

Though the doctors concluded he had a neuro-degenerative disease in April this year, the archer insists he has been living with symptoms since 2015.



(Top) A young Limba Ram in his heyday. Along with his wife Merian Jenny.

In June that year, Limba and Jenny, who is from Assam, got married. They had first met at a tribal sports mahotsav in Pratappgarh. Jenny was a programme co-ordinator for a child health project. When they first met, Jenny had no clue who Limba was. They hit it off, over subsequent meetings and phone conversations.

Cultural differences or age — Jenny is 10 years younger than Limba — mattered little back then because they found a strong bond in their common faith. In the early 2000s Limba turned to Christianity after he met a pastor whose prayers 'healed him'.

Being from two ends of India and living together can present its own set of challenges, Jenny says. "We are very different people. Even adjusting to each other's food

choices can be difficult. Limba sir likes *rotis* and if I eat *rotis* I get indigestion. So I cook both rice and *roti*. And the *sabzis*, let us not even get into that," she adds.

The couple have made peace with their diverse dietary preferences but prickly issues crop up whenever they travel to Saradeet. And they are graver.

"All the women are in a *ghoonghat* in Limba sir's village. I am not used to covering my head and face. To avoid displeasing people I followed the tradition. I am from a different part of India and I stand out when I go to the village. I try not to offend anyone. Yet on a few occasions I didn't wear the *ghoonghat* and it was frowned upon. It can be a little difficult when there is a cultural difference," Jenny admits.

Limba's current predicament tugs at her heart strings. "He is a simple man and is good at heart. At the end of the day, I have to accept that this is a difficult period and he will come out of it. The story of how he rose from a village to become one of the best archers in the world is inspirational. Hopefully, this is another battle he will win."



In the winter of 1987, 15-year-old Limba arrived in Delhi, after being selected under a Special Area Games Programme of the Sports Authority of India. His only belongings were a blanket, a khaki shirt and a pair of khaki pants. "Back then khaki-coloured clothes was the fashion," he recalls.

The family plunged into poverty when the cows they owned, died mysteriously. Limba, to make ends meet, worked as a house help and also ploughed the field. "There were thorns in my feet because I used to be barefoot. But I could not afford a pair of slippers."

When he found time and energy he used to participate in the only 'sport' in Saradeet village — taking aim at birds using the *desi* bow and arrow. He was good at it.

An uncle informed him of the archery selection trials at Makradeo, a nearby village. Limba was picked and went to Chittor for another round of trials and within days he was on a train to the capital in peak winter. One of the dingy rooms in the concrete labyrinth of the JLN Stadium became his home.

"It was freezing cold and we had to get up early to practice. In my village when it got cold we would light a fire and sit around it. At the stadium it was not possible. There was no hot water. The food was different. I had not trained with the equipment I was using in Delhi. This was a new experience. Back home I used to shoot birds for fun but this was serious stuff. We were being trained to win medals. We were asked to do yoga. I was like a fish out of water. But as the days passed I got used to it. We were provided sweatshirts a month later and it provided relief from the cold. That is when I thought 'ok I can stay in Delhi'," he says.

Limba progressed up the ranks quickly and a buzz grew about the prodigious tribal boy. Within months of moving to Delhi, at his first major competition — in the junior nationals in Bangalore — he won gold.

"From Bangalore, we had to travel to Kolkata for a national camp. We had unserved train tickets. I remember standing near the bathroom of the train compartment

all the way from Bangalore to Kolkata. I had to lug my equipment on my shoulder. That is how we traveled back in those days. But I never complained."

In a couple of years Limba became a double-medallist at the Asia Cup archery. In 1991, he was bestowed with an Arjuna Award winner. One of the perks was a second-AC train pass.

"Overnight I became a VIP. From standing on foot boards and next to smelly toilets suddenly I was travelling like a king."

The Barcelona Olympic Games a year later was to be his crowning glory, and Limba believed so and the anticipation was frenzied. The sport had been at the pinnacle of its popularity during that edition after the sensational opening ceremony at Barcelona with its archery centrepiece, and despite his failure, the moment would stick in most memories — including that of India's first individual gold medallist Abhinav Bindra.

History beckoned as Limba's scores before the Games were better than the Koreans, Chinese and the Spanish — countries which were tipped to win. He was also in the zone — a zen-like state athletes strive for — on reaching the Games village.

However, over-enthusiastic officials ruined his chances. They wanted to celebrate the potential medal a day earlier.

"I was in a deep state of meditation before the event.

Archery is such a mental sport and it is vital to find inner calm. If the mind wanders even slightly, you won't fire the arrow well. I was summoned to meet the officials even as I was meditating. They told me 'we will carry you on our shoulders and take you to India with the medal around your neck'. I was angry and irritated that I was disturbed. I came back to my room but could not focus again."

Next day, the three-time Olympian, shot in anger and missed a medal by a whisker.

The first lesson Limba drills into his trainees is not to lose their cool whatever the circumstances. He keeps a close eye on the talent pool at the archery academy in Jagatpura constantly scanning them for the next prodigy.

"I want to find an archer from Saradeet who can emulate me or exceed what I achieved. There is so much talent in the villages but more can be done to identify them. Once my health improves I will travel the length and breadth of the state. If I can train an archer from my village or nearby villages and he or she becomes a star it will be very satisfying. Else my villagers will ask 'Limba Ram hamare liye kya kiya?'"

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INDIA 649/9D IN 149.5 OVS

WEST INDIES
OVER NIGHT 94/6 IN 29 OVS
181 ALL OUT IN 48 OVS

R Chase b Ashwin 53 (79b, 8x4)
K Paul c Pujara b Yadav 47 (49b, 7x4, 2x6)
D Bishoo not out 17 (26b, 3x4)
S Lewis b Ashwin 0 (3b)
S Gabriel st †Pant b Ashwin 1 (10b)
■ Extras: (b16, lb2) 18
■ Fall of wickets: Fall of wickets: 1-2 (KC Brathwaite, 2.2 ov), 2-7 (KOA Powell, 4.1 ov), 3-21 (SD Hope, 9.2 ov), 4-32 (SO Hetmyer, 11.5 ov), 5-49 (SW Ambris, 16.1 ov), 6-74 (SO Dowrich, 25.2 ov), 7-147 (KMA Paul, 38.4 ov), 8-159 (RL Chase, 43.2 ov), 9-159 (SH Lewis, 43.5 ov), 10-181 (ST Gabriel, 47.6 ov)

■ Bowling:
Md Shami 9-2-22-2
U Yadav 11-3-20-1
R Ashwin 11-2-37-4
R Jadeja 7-1-22-1
Kuldeep Yadav 10-1-62-1

WEST INDIES 2ND INNS (F/0)
196 ALL OUT IN 50.5 OVS

K Brathwaite (c) c Shaw b Ashwin 10 (30b, 2x4)
K Powell c Shaw b Kuldeep 83 (93b, 8x4, 4x6)
S Hope lbw b Kuldeep Yadav 17 (34b, 1x4, 1x6)
S Hetmyer c Rahul b Kuldeep 11 (11b, 1x6)
S Ambris st †Pant b Kuldeep 0 (3b)
R Chase c Ashwin b Kuldeep 20 (24b, 3x4)
S Dowrich † not out 16 (64b,1x4)
K Paul c Yadav b Jadeja 15 (15b, 2x4, 1x6)
D Bishoo c †Pant b Ashwin 9 (12b, 2x4)
S Lewis lbw b Jadeja 4 (15b, 1x4)
S Gabriel c Kuldeep b Jadeja 4 (5b, 1x4)
■ Extras: (b5, lb1, nb1) 7
■ Fall of wickets: 1-32 (KC Brathwaite, 7.6 ov), 2-79 (SD Hope, 18.6 ov), 3-97 (SO Hetmyer, 22.1 ov), 4-97 (SW Ambris, 22.4 ov), 5-138 (RL Chase, 29.3 ov), 6-151 (KOA Powell, 35.4 ov), 7-172 (KMA Paul, 40.4 ov), 8-185 (D Bishoo, 43.6 ov), 9-192 (SH Lewis, 48.6 ov), 10-196 (ST Gabriel, 50.5 ov)

■ Bowling:
Md Shami 3-0-11-0 (1nb)
R Ashwin 18-2-71-2
U Yadav 3-0-16-0
Kuldeep Yadav 14-2-57-5
R Jadeja 12.5-1-35-3

India won by an innings & 272 runs



Ravinchandra Ashwin chipped in with two wickets, while Ravindra Jadeja took three to complement Kuldeep's fifer in the second innings. PTI

6 Number of overs bowled by Indian fast bowlers in the second innings of the first Test. The spinners bowled 44.5 overs of a total of 50.5 and picked up all 10 wickets which fell.



The Indian team after the innings and 272-run win over West Indies on Day Three of the first Test at Rajkot. (Below) Kieran Powell top-scored for West Indies with 83 in the second innings. AP

West Indies commit hara-kiri

Mindless batting plays into India's hands; lose by an innings and 272 runs inside three days as Kohli's side record biggest Test win

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RAJKOT, OCTOBER 6

EVERY TIME an army of groundsmen streamed into the ground, brushy brooms, crease markers and clunky tins of paint clinking in their arms, during the drinks break, the West Indies batsmen would suspiciously stare at the surface. As if the cracks were drifting apart, the exploding clouds of dust were to consume them, and the surface was glaring back at them with roguish malevolence. Their fears couldn't have been more mislaid—the cracks were still firm, the dust whirled from the footmarks of the bowlers' landing foot and the surface was amiably winking at them, there were a lot of runs yet to be scored. But confused minds and bewildered eyes breed fear and doubts, so much so that it was difficult to assess whether it was ineptness or indiscretion that plunged them to their worst defeat at the hands of India, by an innings and 270 runs, holding up for a notch less than 100 overs, losing 14 wickets in a day. Those are pitiable numbers on any surface at any level, and there was much to be pitied about the West Indies, from their lack of requisite skills to misplaced methods. Methods first. When the situation demanded putting the heads down and grinding the opposition to tedium—they were still 468 runs behind India at the start of the second innings—they tried to hit their way out of hell, giving little pretence to saving the match through the time-tested modes of defiance. What ensued belonged to the lingo of tree-cutters or professional killers—hack, heave, slash—than that of Test cricketers. In the inevitable chaos, only opener Kieran Powell justified the logic of their approach, the rest wilted in the ungainliest of fashions, like upgraded lower-order batsmen. The difference between Powell and his



colleagues was that the former was judicious, a distinct method flickering in his madness, a directness about the ploy. He wouldn't rush forth to every ball, only if the spinner tossed the ball up he would shimmy down the surface, his bat swinging through straight lines. It didn't matter whether he reached to the pitch of the ball, the strong forearms provided the impetus. As his innings progressed, he became pickier.

Proverbial kitchen sink His partners, instead, repeatedly threw the proverbial kitchen sink at the ball, without any rhyme or reason. Shimron Hetmyer, touted the next big batting sensation in Caribbean cricket, tried a preempted slog. The delivery was fuller and the dip ensured that he top-edged to short third-man. Sunil Ambris, centurion in the warm-up game,

mindlessly wandered to Kuldeep Yadav, went through with the slog and was beaten by the latter's googly. Even the usually composed Roston Chase tried to belt a tantalisingly flighted, wide ball off Yadav from the crease and perished. The sequence repeated over and over again with varying degrees of banality as the Windies plummeted to new depths. The only grain of rationale in their full-throttle offence was it suited their temperament, a natural off-spring of their T20 evangelism; their batsmen, more often than not, flourish when they look to attack. Skipper Kraigg Brathwaite admitted as much, and revealed where they found their inspiration from: "We realised that the best way to make a comeback was to attack, like how Prithvi Shaw did. It suits our style. But unfortunately we attacked way too much."

Attack of course, but not every ball. After all, bowling at them were two of the cleverest exponents of spin around, Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, besides the rapidly emerging Yadav. They are neither naive to feel flustered nor reactionary enough to get rattled after a few sixes. Alarmingly, even when they tried to slog, sweep, slog-sweep or step down the crease, they did it unskillfully—trying to sweep full-ish balls, unmindful of keeping it down, attempting to drag deliveries from outside the off-stump or wishfully trying to heave across the line. At the heart of their risky strategy reeked a distrust in defence. Most, even Powell at times, couldn't read the spinners off their hands, a few couldn't decipher them off the pitch. They battled the uncertainty with wanton swing of their forearms. And it wasn't a case of India's spinners bowling exceptionally. Yadav wasn't letting it rip; Jadeja wasn't fizzing; Ashwin wasn't tearing away his variations. Their former coach, Otis Gibson, had identified this problem soon after they'd won the T20 World Cup. "We have a lot of great T20 players and when they play Test cricket they might score a lot of runs but the game might finish in three days. We need to get some guys who can bat for a day and a half." This was the day they missed someone like Shivnarine Chanderpaul, or even Jimmy Adams, someone who could blunt and blunt, tire the Indian bowlers, return to the dressing room with dirt-and-dust smeared flannels. But the tribe of Chanderpaul and Adams seem dwindling. All they are left with is a swathe of batsmen caught up in a T20-bubble, their game and sensibilities moulded by its swelling reach. By the time their batsmen left the stadium, the strip was being charred, as the groundstaff routinely do after the match. The last remains of their reputation were firmly ironed beneath.

Water breaks: Kohli calls for leniency

Rajkot: India captain Virat Kohli on Saturday raised concerns over the new ICC regulations which permit water breaks only at the fall of a wicket or in-between overs, and hoped match officials take into account external factors such as heat. As per the new ICC regulations from September 30, water breaks are permitted only at the fall of a wicket or in-between overs, with unscheduled breaks at the umpires' discretion. With temperatures touching nearly 40 degrees Celsius on each of the three days of the first Test between India and West Indies here, players from both sides were constantly under the supervision of umpires pushing us as well, with these new rules coming in of not drinking too much water," Kohli said after the game, which India won by a record innings and 272 runs. "These things should be considered according to the conditions we play in." The extra scrutiny led to an improvement in over-rates. "The guys really struggled in this game because of those few changes. It was quite difficult for the guys not to drink water for close to 40-45 minutes while batting and on the field as well," Kohli said. While batting, Cheteshwar Pujara worked around the water-break restrictions by sipping from small bottles in his pocket. PTI

BACK IN BUSINESS

How going back to the drawing board, SG ball helped Kuldeep

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RAJKOT, OCTOBER 6

WHEN KULDEEP Yadav arrived in India after being dropped for the last two Tests of the England series, his fingers longed for an SG ball. Soon after he reached home, he found a couple of them lying under a table and began flipping them around the room. "The very feel of an SG ball brought my confidence back," he says. The morale was in tatters after the Lord's Test, where he admits he found the harder Duke ball, with its pronounced seam, difficult to grip. You could find his struggles in the highlights reel of the Test—he evidently struggled with the release, the ball came out hurriedly from his palms, almost slipping out, at a flatter trajectory, robbing him of the two vital ingredients of his bowling—flight and dip. Consequently, his action too was not coming through smoothly. "I was finding it very difficult to grip the ball, as the Duke ball was harder than the SG ball. I was trying to hit good length, but you need at least 15 days to adjust to the Duke balls," he says. He went wicket-less for nine overs, conceding 44 runs, but on the most spinner-unfriendly surface of the tour. What was thus a perceptively surprise play not only back-fired

gloriously but was subject to much censuring back home. The immediacy of the four-day matches against Australia probably didn't let his mind brood over the nightmarish Lord's Test. "I just had a few days to prepare for the matches and I felt I had to make a few minor changes. So I quickly switched my focus to Australia (A)," he reflected. Immediately he dialled his mentor from childhood, Kapil Pandey, who asked to come over. "We went to drawing board and worked on a few things regarding my release. Four-five days we bowled almost continuously and kept bowling around the wicket as well as over the wicket," he says. Consequently, his release point is lower than what it was against England, for the more uncomfortable a wrist-spinner is with the ball, the higher his release point tends to get, so as to get more control. It makes the trajectory flatter and the revs fewer. The coach realised that he was getting a little too front-on as well, but it was nothing major, and he told him just to keep bowling more with the SG ball. "It was about getting back to what he has been doing, practise it again and rectify those minor glitches," says Pandey. Both of them spent almost the entire four days bowling, like it was in his teens. A thousand balls a day, says the coach. The A games could not have come faster—



Kuldeep Yadav's 5 for 57 was his maiden five-wicket haul in Test cricket. AP

for he could try out everything he has learnt in real match situation and see how he was progressing. "It took me exactly two games to get the rhythm back," he says, with an impish smile. In two matches, he nailed 12 wickets at a

shade over 20 runs apiece. It wasn't an entirely inexperienced Australian side either, what with Test players Mitch Marsh, Usman Khawaja, Peter Handscomb and Matt Renshaw in the lineup. "The confidence was back and I was do-

ing the rights things the coach had discussed with me," he says. A profitable Asia Cup further shored up his confidence, but he was not satisfied until his resurrected his Test career. "Red-ball cricket is very important to me, and I was keen to make this opportunity count," he says, beaming. Admittedly, he didn't start well against the West Indies, he was a bit one-dimensional with his lengths, bowled one short ball too many. He would just look to flight the ball and beat them in the air, probably encouraged by their enterprising endeavours. He did out-think Shane Dowrich with a vicious delivery that spun back, but thereafter he lost the drift of the game, and ended up being caned for 62 runs in 10 overs, though without bowling too badly. In the innings break, he reassessed his bowling and figured out where he was erring. "In the first innings I did not anticipate that they (West Indies batsmen) will attack me so much. They have a lot of power hitters and if you give them too much flight, you could end up leaking runs," he observes. So in the second, he stopped floating every delivery upto the batsman, trying to deceive him in his flight. Rather he looked to be more accurate, mixed up his lengths and angles, and experiment less. So the Yadav the West Indies batsmen were negotiating in his

second innings wasn't the Yadav they saw in the first. Here was he at his ingenious best, best exemplified by the wickets of Kieran Powell and Shai Hope. Nearing his hundred, Powell was looking to play more circumspectly. But he was in no mood to punish even marginally short or short of length balls. He hung back and slashed him behind point. Next up, Powell anticipated a slower, tossed-up delivery, but Yadav rifled one in, which broke off the surface and took his edge. Likewise, Hope was made to feel cosy with a few good length balls before the quicker ball pinged him in front. The googly—which the coach says is a definite sight of Yadav in full flow—flummoxed the impetuous Shimron Hetmyer. The rest of the wickets he perhaps didn't have to really sweat, those were gifts, but for a man en route to his first five-for, the aesthetics mattered less. "It doesn't matter. If you take a five-wicket haul in Test cricket it is obviously very special for any bowler. I have played only four Tests, so for me it is very special to take five wickets against any side," he sighs. Moreover, he knows how crucial it's for him to optimise the break, before the selectors sit down to chalk out their designs for the Australia tour, where he would have to adjust to another variety of red-ball. But surely, he will have a few SG balls wrapped in his suitcase.

At Youth Olympics, India’s search for elusive gold

The 3rd edition of Youth Games gets underway in Buenos Aires. Around 4,000 athletes from 206 nations will compete in 241 events across 32 sports. A snapshot of what to expect over the next 12 days.

47 ATHLETES, 13 SPORTS

India will be sending its biggest contingent for the Youth Olympics. A total of 47 athletes will represent the country in 13 sports. Commonwealth Games gold medalist Manu Bhaker was the flag-bearer for Saturday’s opening ceremony. The squad comprises Asian Games gold medalist shooter Saurabh Chaudhary and teenage badminton sensation Lakshya Sen.

GOLD HUNT

A gold has eluded India at the Youth Games, too. In the inaugural edition in 2010, India returned with six silver and two bronze medals. HS Prannoy (badminton), Shiva Thapa (boxing), Pooja Dhand (wrestling) and Yuki Bhambri (tennis) were the prominent medalists back then. In 2014, India’s tally reduced to just two – one silver and one bronze.

MEDAL HOPES

India will rely heavily on the shooters and shuttlers to win the first-ever gold at these Games. However, India have strong medal



One of India’s brightest prospects, Lalrununga is a 2017 Commonwealth Youth Championship gold medalist.

possibilities in some other sports as well.

WEIGHTLIFTER JEREMY Lalrununga, who’ll compete in the 62kg category, is among the country’s brightest prospects, having won a silver medal at the youth world championship in 2016. The following year, he won a gold at Commonwealth youth championship, a silver at Asian Youth and bronze at Asian Junior Championship this year.

BOXER JYOTI Gulia, the reigning junior world champion, is one of the favourites in the 51kg category. In July, she’d won a silver at the Vojvodina tournament in Serbia while last month, she won a gold at the Silesian Championship in Poland.

JAVELIN THROWER Ajai Raj Singh Rana is the best bet to win a medal in athletics. Track and field events start on October 11 and Rana is the best placed Indian to finish on the podium. With a personal best of 76.13m, he is among the top four throwers behind Poland’s Marek Mucha. The under-18 European champion, who has a world leading throw of 80.01m, is the front runner to win gold ahead of Gerasimos Kalogerakis of

Greece (77.45m) and Topias Laine of Finland (76.44m).

WRESTLER MANSI Ahlawat, who has won multiple medals at the continental level in the 57kg category, and archers Akash Malik and Himani Kumari are other major contenders.

HOCKEY 5S DEBUT

India will be taking part in Hockey 5s for the first time after both, men and women’s teams fared well in the Asian qualifiers. While the men’s team remained unbeaten through their qualifying campaign, the women had reached the final where they lost to China.

CHINA, MOST DOMINANT

China are the most dominant nation at the Youth Games, closely followed by Russia. China have once again named a strong squad of 82 athletes. Paddler Sun Yingsha, a youth world champion and Asian Games gold medalist (team event), headlines their squad along with diver Lian Junjie, also a world championship gold medalist.



Carson Foster broke Phelps’ 400m individual medley national record earlier this year.

FUTURE STARS

Sixteen-year-old sprinter Joanne Reid (200, 400m) from Jamaica is one of the world’s top junior sprinters and a favourite to win double gold. USA’s Carson Foster, who broke Phelps’ 400m individual medley national record this year, is touted to be the next big thing in swimming. Twelve-year-old Lucianinho will be under the spotlight as Brazil look to win a football gold on Argentine soil.

INDIA’S SCHEDULE (SUNDAY)

- 5.30pm: Tushar Mane (Shooting: 10m air rifle qualification)
- 8.15pm: India vs Bangladesh (Hockey 5s, men)
- 10.30pm: India vs Austria (Hockey 5s, women)

Indian team’s performance appraisal next week

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 6

THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) will hold the Indian team’s performance appraisal meetings ahead of the second Test against West Indies in Hyderabad, *The Sunday Express* has learnt. The meetings with the team management and the chief selector are scheduled on October 10 and 11. The second Test commences from October 12.

“The CoA will have a discussion with the team management. It’s stock-taking of the team’s tours of South Africa, England and Dubai [for the Asia Cup]. This is a performance analysis meeting of the overseas tours. Captain Virat Kohli, vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane, head coach Ravi Shastri will be there. Chief selector MSK Prasad, too, will be present,” a source told this paper. India’s performance in the overseas Tests this year has been dismal. They lost the three-Test series in South Africa 2-1 earlier this year before getting a 4-1 hiding in England. Shastri, though, still believed that the current crop of players were much better travellers than their predecessors over the past 15-20 years.

“I can’t see any other Indian team in the last 15-20 years that has had the same run in such a short time, and you have had some great players playing in those series. So the promise is there, and it’s just about getting tougher mentally. You have got to hurt when you lose matches because that’s when you look within and come out with the right kind of answers to combat such situations and get past the finishing line. One day you will if you believe,” the head coach had said during the England series.

The CoA, however, took note of the batting slump and as this paper had reported, communicated to the head coach after the second Test in England that such performances despite adequate preparation time for the series were “unacceptable”. Over the 16 Test innings, South Africa and England combined, India managed to reach 300-plus totals only four times. At Birmingham they failed to chase down a victory target of 194. At Southampton, India had been bowled out for 184 in the second innings, chasing 245 for victory. Only Kohli stood tall amid the ruins. The repeated batting failures put the coaching staff under the scanner. With four Test matches lined up in Australia in the coming winter, the upcoming performance appraisal meeting is likely to hold significance.

BCCI cuts its share of passes

Board brings it down to 604 from 1,200 but TNCA & CAB say requirements not fulfilled

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 6

TO SOLVE the complimentary passes fiasco – wherein state associations wanted to give away more than the 10 per cent cap of the stadium capacity – the Committee of Administrators (CoA) has decided to reduce the BCCI’s share of complimentary tickets to half – from 1,200 to 604. The Committee also clarified that membership tickets will not come under the 10 per cent, specified in the new cricket board constitution. But even the rejigged arrangement is unlikely to cut any ice with some of the state associations, scheduled to host India-West Indies matches during the ongoing home series. The new BCCI constitution restricts the distribution of complimentary tickets to 10 per cent, while the rest 90 per cent will have to be put on public sale by the staging associations.

The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) has reiterated that it can host the third T20 international on November 11 only by sticking to its old/conventional order, with regard to the distribution of complimentary passes and tickets on preferential basis. The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), too, is not agreeable to any compromise, with Eden Gardens scheduled to host the first T20 international on November 4.

The CoA meeting in Delhi on Saturday decided that extra 600 complimentary tickets would be given to the staging centres from the BCCI’s share. “Membership tickets are paid tickets, those are not complimentary tickets. Secondly, some (BCCI) AGM had decided long time back that so many tickets would be given to the BCCI. We have kept the BCCI’s share of complimentary tickets to only what is our contractual obligation,” CoA head Vinod Rai told *The Sunday Express*.

The CoA has also sent a missive to the state associations, saying: “In the spirit of the mandate of the Hon’ble Supreme Court, the Committee of Administrators has decided to limit the BCCI’s requirement for sponsor and other free allotments as much as possible from 1200 to 604, so that the number of complimentary tickets available to the hosting State Association is maximised.”

As part of their contracts with the BCCI, Star India (host broadcaster) and Paytm (title sponsor) are entitled to get a certain number of complimentary tickets. This is the cricket board’s contractual obligation. The CoA decided to cut the BCCI’s share to that only.

TNCA secretary R Palani, however, said the association’s requirements for complimentary



The Supreme Court has put a cap on complimentary passes so that the paying public get a larger chunk of the seats.

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tickets should be fully met. “Whatever it is, our requirements should be fully met. Otherwise it’s not possible for us to conduct (the match),” he told *The Sunday Express*, adding that the rejigged structure is “not at all” meeting the state association’s requirements.

“We need tickets also to be sold at preferential basis. There are a lot of tickets to be sold to our members, to the adjacent club (Madras Cricket Club) – so there are a lot of things. So, I

don’t think it’s possible unless (we do) what we have been doing over the years. Until that, it’s not possible. We will be writing an email (to the CoA) on Monday or Tuesday. What our executive committee has decided, I will only go by it. I cannot manipulate anything.”

As reported earlier, the TNCA will have to give about 1,400 tickets to the Madras Cricket Club – jointly in charge of Chepauk – and a further 4,500 tickets to the state association club members on a preferential basis (at concessional rates). The seating capacity of the stadium is now less than 24,000, with three stands unavailable. The CAB, too, has decided to stick to its own formula. According to a state association insider, old associations like the CAB or the TNCA has certain obligations that “can’t be tinkered with”. Incidentally, the CAB has 18,000 members, entitled to match tickets, along with a further around 10,000 complimentary passes to be distributed to different quarters, including the government agencies. The Eden Gardens’ capacity is a little over 66,000.

So even after the change, the big state bod-

ies are digging in their heels. How does the CoA get around that?

“We have shared the email with all of them. The BCCI’s quota has been cut to the bone. Now it’s entirely between the state associations and their commitment to the Supreme Court – whether they want to conduct it or not conduct it. As simple as that. I have always said we have back-ups. We have state associations who are willing to do it (host the matches).

“If they don’t want to do it (host matches) on these terms, they will tell the Supreme Court (they want to stick to their old formula). See, we cannot hold the game against the Supreme Court direction. Our hands are already tied. This 10 per cent is not a restriction imposed by the CoA. This is imposed by the Supreme Court,” Rai said.

The CoA has made it clear that no centre can host the match by “subverting” the rules. If an association is not agreeable to the new formula, it can’t stage the match. The game, then, will be shifted to an alternate venue, like Vizag has become Indore’s replacement for the second ODI on October 24.

TENNIS NATIONALS

Antithesis of a modern tennis pro, Vishwakarma earns his spurs

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BARELY MINUTES after being crowned the national champion, Siddharth Vishwakarma is lying prostrate in the medical room at the DLTA complex. He has missed the presentation ceremony, and is spending the eve of his 24th birthday being worked upon by a concerned professional. With his face buried in a towel, Vishwakarma lets out a few muffled groans, gestures the tournament physio to stop and sits up against a wall. “This is due to the lack of cooldown and lack of stretching. I’ve been watching you for a week. When you just turn up for the match, the muscles tighten up and you end up doing damage,” says the physio. “That’s why one gets these spasms and cramps.”

Vishwakarma nods as the physio goes on schooling about “lactic-acid formation”, “postural biomechanics” and “required fluid intake” before he smiles sheepishly, and says the second-worst thing a tennis player could say, “*Main*

fitness pe zyada dhyaan nahi deta.”

For Vishwakarma, the past year has been all about putting in some game time. He won another national tournament in February, before a string of defeats in qualifiers. The last time he made the main draw was at the Jakarta Futures in July, where he retired due to cramps in the second round. It was then that his ranking fell to 1896th in the world.

On Saturday, Vishwakarma (1221) defeated 368-ranked Arjun Kadhe 6-2, 6-7(2), 6-3 to win the national championship. After making up for the runner-up finish two years ago, and earning a Rs3 lakh payday, he said the worst thing a tennis player could say: “*Meratennis me mann nahi laga kabhi.*”

Vishwakarma took up the game at six after a doctor advised his parents to enrol their child in a sport. “I used to fall ill regularly as a child. So they thought physical activity would help. My father was busy working in factories so he asked my uncle to buy me a racquet.” What followed was a start-stop tennis career, during which he competed in under-18 tournaments

at an age of 13, and left the sport to run a travel agency. “I always liked business more than tennis,” says Vishwakarma, who dropped out of college in the second year, and returned to tennis. “*Padai me bhi mann nahi laga mera kabhi.*”

The unfiltered Vishwakarma, who is from Nadesar in Varanasi and represents Chhattisgarh, comes across as a breath of fresh air among players delivering PR-ready quotes in curated accents. “They talk American style because they are show-offs,” says Vishwakarma. “Whenever I meet Spanish or German players, they have always talked in their language, or in limited English. Their point is ‘go and learn our language.’ So if people ask me questions in English, I sometimes only talk in Hindi to mess with them. *Aata mujhe sab kuch hai.*”

In many ways, his opponent on Saturday was an antithesis of Vishwakarma. Pune lad Kadhe inherited the sport from his father Jayant, a former national-level player, and went to Oklahoma State University to take the US collegiate route. He returned last year as the next big Indian hope, if you listen to federation heads

and top coaches. Since his return, he has won two singles and seven doubles Futures titles. He was picked for Davis Cup reserve duties as early as 2013 and as recently as last month’s tie in Serbia.

The contrast is evident on the court too. Kadhe, last year’s quarter-finalist, displayed solid, all-round game en route to the final. But he switched off when it mattered, and against a player who swats the yellow fuzz with utter disdain. With Vishwakarma, there are no half measures. The winners are stunning, the errors embarrassing. While his bazooka of a serve remained potent throughout the two hour, four minute-long match, it was Vishwakarma’s strong returns that made the difference. “I missed a few easy balls. But you have to give him the credit for his returns,” said Kadhe, who was often left rushing and out of position by the whipped short-arm jab returns. Coach Kamlesh Shukla credits the customised Korean bowling machine for his ward’s success.

“When you face 400-500 balls a day at the speed of 280kmph, your returns will get more

efficient,” says Shukla. “As far as his service is concerned, he is the fastest in Asia at 226kmph.” Though difficult to measure without a speed gun, the 6’2 southpaw does send down bombs, at the usual sinister angles. His out-wide serve set up clean winners, and the diverse strokes from a semi-open stance further drew comparisons with a certain lefty Spaniard.

“I don’t see it,” shrugs Vishwakarma. “I don’t watch a lot of Rafael Nadal matches, or any tennis. Because it’s not like you can see a new thing and just learn it. To be honest, I can pitch a serve or a stroke at a point and send it out in four different angles. But if you ask me how I do that, I wouldn’t know. But I am only fifteen per cent behind Nadal as far as RPMs are concerned. I can reach 4800rpm (The Spaniard reaches 4,000). We checked with the racquet that records all data.” The maths doesn’t check out, but it doesn’t need to, as long as Vishwakarma stays entertained and keeps putting the monstrous spin on the ball. This diamond in the rough could shine bright, provided he is handled with care.



Siddharth Vishwakarma beat Arjun Kadhe 6-2, 6-7(2), 6-3 to win the Fenesta National men’s title.